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Tax cuts and Moscow trip point to poll

● Tax cuts in the Budget tomorrow and the Prime Minister's trip to the Soviet Union are held up as pointers to a general election, possibly in June

● The Liberals believe Mrs Thatcher will go to the country in eight weeks. Labour called for self-discipline, and not to let enemies distort "sideshows"

● Tax cuts will increase inflation and spending on imported goods but will not create jobs, according to an opinion poll of voters of all parties

● The Chancellor has scope for a 4p cut in income tax. Base rate reductions and a drop in mortgages are expected to follow the "giveaway" Budget

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The political parties are intensifying their preparations for an early general election in the growing belief that a combination of circumstances has emerged that will convince the Prime Minister that she will never have a better opportunity of winning a third successive term.

The increasing Conservative lead in the polls, Labour's apparent decline to its worst position since 1983 and the expected electoral benefits of tomorrow's Budget and Mrs Margaret Thatcher's visit at the end of the month to Moscow are expected by senior politicians to encourage her to opt for May or, far more likely, June.

Speculation about an early election was hardening yesterday after a MORI opinion poll published in *The Sunday Times*.

Taken during the renewed period of Labour troubles after the Greenwich by-election defeat and the outbreak of infighting over its defence policy, it showed the Conservatives with a lead of 9 per cent, its largest since the bombing in Brighton two and a half years ago.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is tomorrow expected to introduce a tax-cutting Budget, combined with a reduction in borrowing to pave the way for a fall in interest rates, which senior ministers believe could be a *launching-pad for the* election.

The City firmly expects the Conservatives to win the next election. A survey among institutional investors by Greenwell Montagu last month found no company expecting an overall Labour majority.

The strong belief in a Conservative win provides firm underpinning for the pound and share prices. But it suggests that sterling could be vulnerable to evidence that the prospect of a Conservative win was less secure.

Predictions of a Conservative majority have risen from 39 per cent of respondents to 84 per cent since September.

Mrs Thatcher's trip to Moscow *too is expected to* lead *to* a big boost in Anglo-Soviet trade, and show the Prime *Minister on the world stage*, possibly playing a vital role in the East-West disarmament negotiations.

Senior Conservatives who favoured October for the election *are now plumping for* June, feeling that election fever has gained such momentum that the Prime Minister's room for manoeuvre has been limited.

Those who have always favoured an early election do not see anything in the *Alliance's* by-election triumph at Truro last week to make them change their minds.

In the expectation that a poll may be imminent Labour leaders are making a *determined* attempt to shift the spotlight away from internal matters and back on to policy, with a big new boost to its campaigning effort planned for next month.

Yesterday two more of its leading Shadow Cabinet figures repeated the calls of Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, the deputy leader, for more self-discipline after last week's squabbles.

Dr John Cunningham, chief spokesman on the environment, said that Labour must not give its enemies the chance to "exploit and distort minor sideshows".

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaigns co-ordinator, said in a BBC interview that Labour was going through a "brief bad patch".

But both spoke strongly of the need to bring the political *debate back to central issues* such as unemployment, housing, health and education.

Labour, whose election planning covers equally the May and June options, will this week be unveiling its training plans for adult workers, school leavers and the unemployed, and next week its industrial investment proposals.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, buoyant after the Truro victory, told his party at the weekend that the Prime Minister could call the election in eight weeks.

Mr Steel originally expected an autumn election, but believes that the Prime Minister will be under pressure from her party to go early in case the Alliance revival continues to such a point where it takes over in second place from Labour in the polls.

Yesterday's poll put the Conservatives on 41 per cent, Labour on 32 per cent (3 per cent down on February) and the Alliance on 25 per cent (up 4 per cent).

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Electors doubt value of tax cuts

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

Most people believe that tax cuts will increase inflation and lead to more money being spent on imported goods but will not result in the creation of more jobs, according a new opinion poll.

They do believe, however, that tax reductions will give *people an incentive to work* harder.

With Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, poised in tomorrow's Budget to dispose of some £5 billion in a pre-election tax-cutting bonanza, combined with a substantial cut in public borrowing, a MORI poll for Times Newspapers discloses considerable doubt among electors about some of the benefits claimed by the Government for its strategy.

The scepticism is particularly marked among supporters of the Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance, which last week confirmed its intention to vote against any income tax cuts introduced by Mr Lawson tomorrow.

Asked in the survey whether tax cuts tomorrow would result in more jobs being created, 58 per cent of respondents said that they would not and 25 per cent said they would.

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Surprisingly, 4 per cent more Conservative supporters doubted the job-creating potential of tax cuts, while 72 per cent of Alliance supporters said that cuts did not mean more jobs.

Mr Lawson is expected by Conservative MPs tomorrow to cut income tax by at *least* 2p, some think a 3p reduction is likely, together with changes in the tax thresholds to help those on lower incomes.

Alongside that will come a big reduction, perhaps up to £1.5 billion, in public borrowing to pave the way for a substantial reduction in interest rates.

An increase in the mortgage tax relief limit from £30,000 to £35,000, is also believed to be likely.

Mr Tony Blair, Opposition Treasury spokesman, yesterday predicted a giveaway budget in preparation for the election.

He said the extra £5 billion *came from a mixture of extra* taxes, creative accounting and consumer spending on imports. "*This is money which* should be used for long-term investment, not short-term *consumption. The Govern*ment knows perfectly well that this Budget is a one-off for the *election* — beware the Bribes of March."

In the MORI poll, only 1 *per cent more of those ques*tioned (43 per cent to 42 per cent) believed that tax cuts would help to get the economy moving.

Nearly two thirds of Conservative supporters thought they would, but a majority of both Labour (53 per cent) and Alliance (59 per cent) backers thought they would not.

Most voters, including most Conservative supporters and a 1 per cent margin of Labour supporters questioned, although not Alliance supporters, believed that tax cuts would give people an incentive to work harder.

More supporters of all three parties, by a margin of 43 per cent to 35 per cent, believed that cuts would leave people to spend a lot more on imported goods

More people thought tax cuts would increase inflation *(41 per cent), than thought* they would not increase inflation (36 per cent). Forty-nine per cent of *Conservative* supporters thought that they would not, but nearly half of *Labour and Alliance (both 47* per cent) supporters thought that they would.

MORI interviewed 1,791 adults between Mar 6-11 at 172 sampling points.

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Christening for the youngest survivor

Mrs Beryl Zutic with her granddaughter, Carly, at the christening in Halifax yesterday.

Hopeful face of Zeebrugge disaster

A young couple cradled their 10-week-old daughter in a Yorkshire church yesterday at a christening that at one time they thought might never happen.

Nine days earlier the couple, Mr Petar Zutic, a soldier aged 22, his wife Julie, aged 20, and their daughter Carly, had been rescued from the Herald of Free Enterprise, the Townsend Thoresen ferry which capsized off the coast of Belgium with the loss of more than a hundred lives.

Carly, who was born on January 4 in West Germany where her father is stationed, was the youngest survivor from the ferry and yesterday she was christened at the Serbian Orthodox Free Church of John the Baptist in Boothtown, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

The couple's parents, including Mr Zutic's Yugoslavian-born father, live in Dumfries but the nearest Serbian Orthodox church is in Halifax and so the families made the 400-mile round trip for the ceremony.

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Mr Zutic is a lance corporal in the Royal Corps of Transport stationed at Sennelager, West Germany.

He and his wife made the *trip home just for the christen*ing. They had intended taking a later ferry but arrived in Zeebrugge early enough to board the Herald of Free Enterprise at 6pm on March 6.

They were sitting outside the cafeteria when the boat keeled over. Mrs Zutic managed to hand Carly, who was in her sleeping bag, to Petar before she was swept away and hurled against a window.

Mr and Mrs Zutic were rescued separately by frogmen but neither of them knew the fate of the other until six hours later and they were not reunited for a further four hours.

● Three conflicting sets of official figures yesterday added *to the confusion over the* number of people still missing 10 days after the ferry disaster.

The Townsend Thoresen estimate of 78 people missing, based on the passenger manifest and *crew* list, was challenged at the weekend by Mr Hermann de Croo, the Belgian Minister of Transport, who put the figure as high as 164.

Kent police said yesterday that they were working on the basis of 145 missing after reports from Britons.

● A modified system of warning lights to check whether loading doors are closed are to be fitted to all Townsend Thorensen ferries within a month.

Labour's levy for training

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Companies will be required to contribute to a national training fund under a future Labour government, Mr John Prescott, the party's employment spokesman said yesterday.

This would be a way of tackling "industrial free-loaders who refuse to train and prefer to poach", he told an Institute of Personnel management conference.

Mr Prescott said that while Labour supported effective management, a revolution in management attitudes was needed if industry was to be put on its feet.

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"We have the worst-trained, worst-paid labour force, with the fewest employment rights of any advanced industrial country. And management, trade unions and government must all take their share of the blame."Labour's plans will be spelt out in detail in a major policy statement this week.

Mr Prescott accused British management of being short-sighted in its attitudes to training, workforce involvement and company organization. "If British industry is to be competitive, that has to change."

He said :"The reality is that British industry does not take trianing seriously. *It is a cost* to be cut rather than an investment which pays divi*dends in the future.*"

Mr Prescott promised: "Labour will support the best *examples* of training, and work to bring the rest up to the best.

" We will need a system where a minimum level and quality of training is established for particular sectors."

He said that special training and retraining would be given to women and to black people.

Spending by firms on training would be supported by contributions from the National Training Fund, and grants would be available for specific schemes.

INLA chief murdered in feud

Gerard "Dr Death" Steenson, leader of an Irish National Liberation Army breakaway faction, was gunned down on a Belfast street yesterday.

Steenson, aged 29, and Anthony McCarthy, aged 31, died after a hail of gunfire — the latest victims of the feud within the hard-line Republican terrorist organization.

Steenson was regarded by many as the man who started the internal battle.

The *INLA* faction which claimed responsibility for the murders said that Steenson was shot *because* he had been behind a series of recent killings linked to the feud.

Steenson and McCarthy, a father-of-three, were ambushed as they drove along Springhill Avenue, a back street in the Ballymurphy area, shortly after midnight.

Gunmen stepped from the shadows and riddled the men's car with bullets. It careered off the road and crashed into a fence. The two died in hospital later.

Ten people have been shot dead and 11 injured in the past few months as the organization — it planted the bomb that killed Tory MP Airey Neave in 1979 — turned on itself.

The INLA said yesterday that Steenson was shot by the organization's Belfast Brigade.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary had long believed Steenson to be one of the most active terrorists in Ulster.

Gerard Steenson: latest victim of INLA's internal war

In 1985, he was jailed for life after being convicted of six murders on the word of INLA informer Harry Kirkpatrick.

Last December he was among a large group of alleged INLA men freed on appeal after the validity of Kirkpatrick's evidence was questioned.

Once out on the streets Steenson is claimed to have initiated a ruthless purge of those in the INLA he considered to be amateur terrorists more concerned with petty crime than "the cause".

Another faction of the INLA calling itself "the INLA Army Council", said Steenson, was a "well respected member" of the INLA.

It said his murder would not prevent them carrying on with its campaign to try to dissolve the organization. It also said that the other victim did not belong to the *INLA*. It said Anthony McCarthy was a lifelong friend of Steenson, who had offered him a lift.

INSIDE

A million pupils hit by strike

More than a million pupils in England and Wales are expected to be sent home early from school today, when nearly 90,000 teachers will stage the fourth in a series of half-day strikes which have closed schools at midday.

At least 1,000 secondary schools are likely to be affected as well as up to 4,000 primary schools. Most schools in Greater London are expected to close **Page 3**

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Ship designs

The state-owned British Shipbuilders is launching three designs for specialist vessels — a products tanker, refrigerated cargo vessel and a scientific research ship — to help to boost profits **Page 19**

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Spurs through

The FA Cup quarter-finals were completed with 2-0 away wins by Tottenham Hotspur at Wimbledon, and Leeds United at Wigan **Page 38**

Test collapse

West Indies' seven-year dominance of Test cricket came to an abrupt end when they were beaten by five wickets inside three days by *New Zealand in* Christchurch **Page 36**

Portfolio — Gold —

● The £8,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold weekly competition was shared by five readers. Details, page 3.

● In the daily competition there is £8,000 to be won today, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Saturday.

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Drop in base rates may follow Budget

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, will tomorrow deliver a Budget cutting both interest rates and taxes in the biggest "giveaway" since Mr RA Butler's Budget of 1955.

Mr Lawson has scope for a cut in income tax of up to 4p in the pound which would bring the basic rate down to his target level of 25p. But he will also cut the level of Government borrowing to maintain a prudent financial strategy.

The Budget is expected to be followed by a cut of ½-1 percentage points in bank base rates, enough to persuade building societies to bring *down the mortgage* rate.

Cuts in income tax will reach the pockets of employees on the first pay day after May 17 while mortgage rates could come down in time for payments in either April or May. So the double bonus for tax and mortgage payers will come in time for an early summer election.

Mr Lawson has been restrained from putting big increases on beer, spirits or petrol by the upturn in inflation. But the electorally sensitive rise in the retail price index will be curbed by lower mortgage rates.

The Budget has been designed not only to cut taxes but to improve the working of the economy. The Chancellor is expected to go ahead with plans for encouraging a link between profitability and the pay packet and may give a further boost to employee share schemes.

He is likely also to refine the Business Expansion Scheme which provides tax relief on business investment by in*dividuals. And he will raise* the threshold at which companies have to register for VAT.

There will be incentives for wider share ownership. Last year *Mr Lawson unveiled* the new Personal Equity Plan giving a restricted amount of tax relief to individual investors.

The Chancellor will sketch a buoyant outlook for the economy with growth forecast to reach at least 3 per cent this year compared with 2½ per cent last year. And he will hold out, the hope of lower unemployment.

But additional public spending on big new employment measures is not expected after the package announced by Lord Young earlier this year.

Tamil link as 60 die in rail blast

By Our Foreign Staff

At least 60 people were reported killed and 200 injured when an express train in *southern India plunged from* a bridge into a dry river bed after two remote-controlled *bombs blasted the track.*

Pamphlets backing the Sri Lankan Tamil separatist *struggle were recovered* near the bridge, police said.

Witnesses said the two explosions, seconds apart, sent the Rockfort Express plunging off Marudayar Bridge about 40 miles from Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu state at 4.42 am.

Rescue workers said the death toll could reach 100.

● ISLAMABAD: Two people, thought to be saboteurs, were killed by a bomb blast on a railway bridge in Pakistan's Baluchistan province bordering Afghanistan and Iran, the official APP news agency said.

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Japanese cash to unite Western science research

From David Watts Tokyo

Within the next few months the Japanese Prime Minister will launch the Human Fron*tier project*, a scheme for international co-operation on fundamental scientific research.

Feasibility studies have almost been concluded and involve scientists from the United States, Britain and European Economic Community countries, who have outlined to Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone what they would like to see in the programme.

On April 1 an international group of "*wise men*" will meet in *London to review* the project's viability.

The most fascinating aspect of the project *would* be an attempt to master the functions of the brain and muscles and see how they might be incorporated into the computers and machines of the future.

The 20-year Human Frontier programme, half of it funded by the Japanese, is an expression of the scientific strengths and weaknesses of Japan and its timing is a deft attempt to allay Western fears about what is rapidly becoming *a reality*: Japan's technical dominance bringing it economic dominance.

*At a time when govern*ments are *unable significantly* to increase spending on research, Human Frontier offers an opportunity *to spread the* load and share research results while allowing the Japanese to pay back some *of the basic* research benefits they have had *from* the West *since* the late 1800s.

Funding research 2

Japan can expect to have an experimental Computer Integrated Manufacturing system (CIM), which would ultimately allow design, manufacture and production in a factory to be handled entirely by computers, up and running in two years.

Five years from now the *first viable* CIM *factory* in Japan is expected to be turning out a wide range of *products, differing from day* to day with the change of a computer program.

Given the Japanese genius for organizing people and machines in the manufacturing process, what Tokyo University predicts today will come true and Japan will lead the world into truly automated manufacture.

Computer-aided design and manufacture will be so sophisticated that the computer in control of production will be able to question its inanimate colleague in the design department with nary a human in sight.

But beyond such projects, which are already well defined, under way and have a good chance of swift commercial application, Japan's scientific future is uncertain.

The Human Frontier project is a bench-mark because it is recognition of a number of things: first is the fact that Japan has learnt just about all it can from Western countries which are, in any case, no longer willing to see so much of their original work start

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NEWS SUMMARY

Boy survives fall from Irish ferry

A boy who stopped breathing after he fell from a Sealink ferry into icy waters off Holyhead, north Wales, early on Sunday was on his way home to Ireland last night.

Patrick Cassidy, aged 15, of Donegal, was found with his head under water by two boathouse workers in a rescue launch more than 20 minutes after he fell from the ferry, St Columbia, travelling from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead.

After more than 30 minutes' artificial respiration, he began to breathe again and was rushed to Ysbyty Gwynned Hospital, Bangor, where he was later discharged.

"He is a little shocked but otherwise he is fine. He is a very lucky boy", Mr Alan Davies, the hospital administrator, said.

Dr Harold Hillman, of Surrey University, said people could normally survive for 20 to 30 minutes before losing consciousness in water of about 3C to 4C.

"Many people fail to realize that when the heart stops beating because of the cold it does not necessarily mean the person is dead", he said. The body needs less oxygen, and a person is less likely to suffer brain damage.

Spy series 'cut to 3'

The BBC is considering scheduling only three of the six episodes of *The Secret Society* series because of outstanding legal problems with two of them and the continued confiscation of the episode about the Zircon spy satellite.

The disclosure yesterday was offered as an alternative explanation of why the corporation withdrew the series from its March television scedule.

The main concern was that one of the programmes was libellous, and a second threatened the BBC with a contempt of court charge.

Three in contest

Three former Irish government ministers yesterday laid claim to leadership of the opposition Fine Gael party after the resignation of Dr Garret FitzGerald.

Mr Peter Barry, aged 58, former foreign minister, Mr Alan Dukes, aged 41, former justice minister, and Mr John Bruton, aged 39, former finance minister, declared themselves candidates for party leadership when Fine Gael's parliamentary party meets on Saturday to choose a leader who will take the party into the next decade.

Austin staff changes

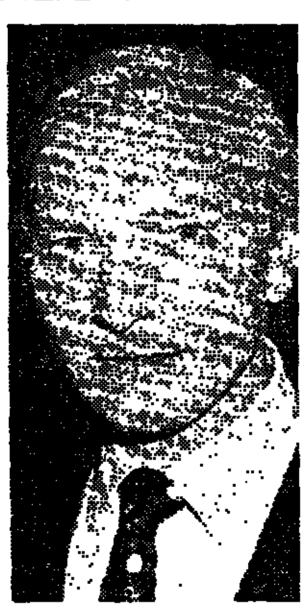
Austin Rover is changing its top engineering staff for the second time in six months. Two directors are to take early retirement and a third is understood to have been dismissed on Friday (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

The company has yet to announce to employees the early retirement of Mr Joe Farnham, aged 62, director of product engineering, and Mr Ray Bates, aged 58, director of vehicle engineering, and it declined to comment on the abrupt departure of Mr Ron McIntosh, director of facilities and programme operations, from the Canley engineering centre.

The new appointments to the engineering department are likely to reflect the attempt by Mr Graham Day, the chairman of Rover Group, to improve the quality of Austin Rover cars and the shift to product development being led by marketing rather than engineering.

Last September Mr Day pushed out Mr Mark Snowdon, managing director of product development, along with the chairman of Austin Rover and the finance director.

Proctor bailed



Mr Harvey Proctor, the Conservative MP for Billericay, was released on police bail at the weekend after being questioned about allegations involving male prostitutes.

Mr Proctor, aged 40, was arrested by officers from Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad and interviewed for several hours before being freed. Afterwards the Yard said no charges had been brought.

The MP has denied any connection with any prostitutes and refuted suggestions that he might resign his seat.

Legal threat to Civil Service union poll

By Roland Rudd

The ruling moderate group in the biggest Civil Service union threatened yesterday to take legal action against two candidates for the post of deputy general secretary.

Mrs Pat Womersley, who split from the National Moderate Group to form the Democratic Moderate Group, and Mr John Macreadie, the Militant supporter who is standing for the broad left, accused the ruling moderate group of using "Mafia-style" tactics in its attempt to keep control of the union executive.

"The National Moderate Group is so blatantly undemocratic that they have no qualms about breaking rules or taking funds from big business, such as the Aims of Industry", Mrs Womersley said.

Mr Macreadie said the moderate group was involved in the worst slanging match he had witnessed for a long time. He said: "It is also well known that they are funded from outside the union".

Mrs Marion Chambers, president of the CPSA, said that unless the allegations were withdrawn the union would take legal action against both candidates. She accused Mrs Womersley of being "spiteful" and "not a credible candidate".

The National Moderate Group withdrew Mr Barry Reamsbottom, its candidate for the election, in favour of Mr Terry Ainsworth, the acting deputy general secretary, hours before nominations closed last Friday.

Full-time CPSA officials are meant to resign at the age of 55. If elected, Mr Ainsworth, who is aged 53, would have to resign after two years.

Mr Ainsworth called the rule a "nonsense" and said he would be seeking his union's permission to, "exempt him from the clause". But he admitted that he had given an assurance to his opponents that he would not stand in the election when he took over as acting deputy general secretary after Mr John Ellis became general secretary.

Mr Ainsworth, a former ally of Mr Macreadie, was accused of opportunism in order to get elected. He denied the allegation, saying that as an independent he had to get the backing of a political machine.

There was speculation that Mr Macreadie would be the main beneficiary in the dispute. He faces only one other candidate from the left, Miss Veronica Bayne, of BL84, which split from Mr Macreadie's group three years ago.

Mr Peter Desmond-Thomas, an independent, said that Mr Ainsworth had already asked him to withdraw in favour of his candidature. But neither he nor Mrs Womersley were willing to do so.

Liberals put the brakes on Liverpool budget crisis

By Peter Davenport

Liberal councillors who have taken over the running of Liverpool face a series of critical decisions in the next few days in their attempt to rid the city of its legacy of Militant control and to begin to restore financial stability.

Sir Trevor Jones, the Liberal leader, said that by the end of the week it is expected that several Labour-approved schemes totalling £15 million will have been stopped.

Liberals claim that the expelled Labour councillors deliberately left them with a financial crisis and that the city faces severe problems for years to come.

Over the weekend Sir Trevor held five hours of crisis talks at the council's offices with Mr Philip Kelly, the city treasurer, and Mr Roy Williams, his deputy, in which they studied computer projections of Labour's spending plans.

"It was, I am afraid, no better than we expected. The treasurer said that for Labour to do the things they planned would have required a 30 per cent rate rise. They have conned people by saying they could do it with the increase of just 5 per cent they passed.

"There are some hard decisions that will have to be made. On some projects, letters of intent have been signed for which there is no funding available."

Liberals estimate that the corporate debts of the council have now reached £800 million and that Labour added to the problem with a further £25 million of last-minute capital spending, chiefly on housing schemes and against the advice of senior council officers.

Yesterday Sir Trevor, who spent the weekend putting together an emergency financial package, said that the Liberals intended to switch spending from direct house building into housing co-operatives.

He claimed the same number of houses would be built but without consuming so much public money. Funds advanced to co-operatives would be paid back as loans.

Other measures to be introduced immediately include the abolition of Labour's rigid catchment area policy for schools to give greater parental choice. The Liberals also hope to persuade a supermarket chain to drop its plan to take over a local school.

The Liberals are also to reappoint the former chief public relations officer of the council to his job and are urgently looking at other appointments made in the reign of Mr Derek Hatton.

Sir Trevor added: "By the end of the week we hope to have stopped a good many of their schemes but we will still be faced with a gigantic task.

Tomorrow Sir Trevor's wife, Lady Jones, is expected to be installed as the city's first Lord Mayor since Labour scrapped the post three years ago.

***Church leaders in Liverpool* yesterday called for a review of the penalties imposed on the 47 Labour councillors disqualified from office.**

The councillors face a total debt of more than £500,000 including the original £106,000 of surcharge for delaying setting a rate.Some are out of work and living in council houses. Others fear their homes may be seized.

In a joint statement, Bishop David Sheppard, Archbishop Derek Worlock and Moderator John Williamson said the financial penalties imposed by the House of Lords were without parallel.

"Opposed as we have been to the collision course upon which some of the council leaders were embarked, we recognize that among those disqualified are some very fine public servants who have throughout genuinely sought what they believed was in the best interests of the city."

Mr Jenkins at his home yesterday, looking 'justifiably smug'. (Photograph: John Rogers)

Jenkins's Oxford victory

The re-cycled Chancellor

Chancellors like the one who has been putting the final touches to his Budget over the weekend are two-a-penny in history, mere ephemeral occupants of an office of no great antiquity.

Chancellors of Oxford University are figures of a more durable splendour: there have been only eight this century, and the job brings with it a uniform of silk brocade and gold thread though no further emolument, and very little in the way of formal duties.

The 193 previous Oxford Chancellors include two saints and one ruler (Oliver Cromwell), while the ranks of Chancellors of the Exchequer include men of only relatively common mould.

Roy Jenkins, meditating his triumph in the weekend's election for the Oxford Chancellorship at his home under the edge of the Chilterns yesterday, is one of the few who have Chancellored it in both categories.

"It is a tremendous honour", he declared, re-cycling the phrases of his election day interviews with a thrifty professionalism.

He rejected the idea that there might be any serious conflict between his intended role as tribune for the whole of the nation's higher education system and his activities as a leading member of the SDP. "I think broadly speaking the policies and outlook of the party I represent march fairly closely alongside those of the university. There's rather a happy confluence."

Mr Jenkins looked justifiably smug as he sat by a log fire in his study while the red phone and the grey phone on his desk rang alternately with messages of congratulation. He had, after all, pulled off the classic Alliance trick of waltzing through an electoral opening created by a split in the vote.

There was special savour in the fact that the split was between two Tories — Lord Blake and Edward Heath, mortifyingly squeezed into third place.

The unexpectedly high vote for Lord Blake suggests that a substantial proportion of the privileged electorate of paid-up Masters of Arts of the University were irritated by the strong party political flavour that had emerged in the campaign.

"Lord Blake happens to be a man for whom I have a very high regard," said Mr Jenkins, hastening to show a victor's magnanimity. "As indeed I have for Edward Heath — a massive figure in British politics, for whom I have a combination of very high regard and some considerable affection."

Whatever designs he may have on the university's archaic and cherished voting system, he shows no disinclination towards the ceremonial aspects of his role. Shuffling around in brocade "is not the sort of thing one would want to do every week, but I don't mind it once in a while."

Mr Jenkins plans to nurse his new constitutency as energetically as he nurses Glasgow, Hillhead.

Young male voters are leaning towards Tories

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The rise in Conservative support over the past month has been particularly marked among men, the 18-34 age group and unskilled workers, according to the *MORI poll*.

While the Conservative lead nationally has risen from 6 to 9 per cent, among men it has risen from 4 to 10 per cent, among young people from a Labour lead of 1 per cent to a Tory lead of 6 per cent, and among unskilled workers the Labour lead has been cut from 21 to 14 per cent.

There has been a surge in the Tory lead in the Midlands and Wales from 4 to 14 per cent, but negligible change in the party's position in the South and the North, including Scotland.

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Figures pre and post Greenwich by-election

	Pre	Post	Change
Total	+6	+9	+3
Men	+4	+10	+6
Women	+7	+8	+1
18-34	-1	+6	+7
35-54	+8	+10	+2
55+	+11	+12	+1
Middle class	+32	+34	+2
Skilled workers	-4	-1	+3
Unskilled workers	-21	-14	+7
North	-12	-12	-
Midlands + Wales	+4	+14	+10
South	+23	+25	+2
Trade Unionists	-15	-16	-1
Younger middle class in urban areas	+12	+18	+6

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Scientists 'using own cash to fund research'

By David Sapsted

University scientists are subsidizing basic research because of a lack of government funding, a Southampton professor said yesterday.

Professor John Brignell, professor of industrial instrumentation, claimed there was often no alternative for those interested in fostering fundamental research.

"At the moment, national support for basic research has just about dried up. The government is only interested in funding politically 'sexy' areas such as silicon chips, optical fibres and cellular radio — industry is putting in money but, obviously, is only interested in devices that work", he said.

"The problem is that we need to do the basic research in all areas. From where I stand, I can't decide where the research priorities should lie, but someone in Westminster thinks he can."

Professor Brignell uses profits from his Winchester consultancy to keep basic research electronics projects going, although Southampton has one of the best records in the country for attracting industrial investment.

"I could not say how many scientists are putting in their own money . . . The problem is that even in a university that is doing relatively well at getting funds, any fundamental research has to be done on the back of something else", he said.

An executive council member of the Save British Science campaign, he said it was only because government money was available a decade ago that basic research on optical fibres had proceeded.

"I don't believe that could happen today. The emphasis is on everything being industrially relevant: the problem is knowing what will eventually prove to be so", he added.

Ten minute puzzle tie puts two in final

By John Grant, Crossword Editor

There was a tie for first place at the Scottish regional final of *The Times* Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship at the Grosvenor Hotel, Glasgow, yesterday.

Mr Michael MacDonald-Cooper, who is aged 45 and lives at Inchture, Perthshire, and Mr Grant Walker, aged 48, from Alderley Edge, Cheshire, a university lecturer in mathematics at Manchester, both solved the four puzzles in an average of just over ten minutes each. Both are previous national finalists.

Mr MacDonald-Cooper became the Scottish champion when he finished the tie-breaker, a difficult puzzle, in 10 minutes. Both qualify for this year's national final in London on September 6.

Mr L.E. Ellis, the Rector of Edinburgh Academy, who is aged 54, came third.

Oxford wins university chess match

Oxford University won the annual chess match against Cambridge at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, on Saturday. The score was five points to three (Our Chess Correspondent writes).

Cambridge now leads the series by 45 wins to 43 with 17 drawn matches since the annual competition began in 1873.Oxford University has won the last seven matches.

The prize for the best game by the Oxford team was won by James Howell while the Cambridge prize went to Graham Burgess.

Individual results were (Oxford names first): Peter Wells (Jesus College) defeated David Watts (Sidney Sussex); James Howell (Jesus) defeated David Lawson (Trinity); Neil Dickenson (Hertford) drew with David Singh (Queen's); Martin Hazelton (St Anne's) drew with Andrew Harley (Selwyn); Dr William Gnam (Balliol) defeated Robert Cannings (Trinity); Stephen Walker (Oriel) lost to Graham Burgess (Downing); Neil Crabb (St Edmund Hall) defeated Mark Thornton (Sidney Sussex); Sarah Riley (St Hughs) lost to Alison Franklin (Downing).

Merton council by-election

Voters left cold in forgotten outpost

By William Greaves

When the Queen visited Pollards Hill Community Centre, south London, and was told it was administered by Merton Borough Council, her reply went instantly into local folklore. "How interesting", she said. "And where is Merton"?

Squeezed between the A23 and Mitcham Common, several miles east of Merton and equally far removed from practically anywhere else, the six thousand voters of Pollards Hill are so used to obscurity that they were more amazed than alarmed when their council by-election, staggering towards polling day on Thursday, earned itself a mention in the House of Commons.

What angered Dr John Cunningham, Labour's environment spokesman, was that £100,000 had suddenly become available to Merton's ruling Conservatives to give a facelift to a large council housing estate

As the Conservatives have to hang on to a small majority in the ward to keep overall control in the borough, both the Labour and SDP/Alliance candidates are joining in Mr Cunningham's cry of "foul" and accusing the Conservatives of jiggery-pokery.

But how is Pollards Hill taking to political stardom?

"Football results and the price of veg are the only things they talk about here", Mrs Jacky Wells, who runs a greengrocery store, said.

"Didn't even know that there was an election until a chap knocked on the door on behalf of the Tory candidate last week", Mr Ernie Chamberlain, a solicitor's clerk, said. "Then a Labour chap called at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning which, as far as I am concerned, ruled him out of the reckoning."

Even Mr Slim Flegg, the Labour candidate,admitted there had been "a slow start" to the campaign. "The trouble around here is that Mitcham is known as the poor relation of Merton and Pollards Hill is the forgotten outpost of Mitcham", he said.

One of his supporters on the council estate, Mr Kieran Dooley, aged 33, a London Underground billposter, was amused as he watched a 15-strong detachment of decorators and maintenance workers crawling like ants over his block of flats.

"It's seven years since these places saw a lick of paint and then up comes the election — it makes you laugh."

Mrs Barbara Mansfield, aged 40, the Conservative candidate, trying to cling on to the majority of 29 which Jim Garwood — who died this year — held over Mr Flegg, says that the timing of the facelift is coincidental. The lack of facilities for young people is the key issue, she says.

"No", Mrs Pat Pearce, the SDP candidate, said, "It's education that concerns the people I speak to."

Mr John Peacock, foreman in charge of the brigade of decorators, declared: "No one can give a damn. I watched the leaflets come round and then I look in through the window and see them crumpled up in the hallway."

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Labour to fight for Scots assembly

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

A confident Scottish Labour Party left Perth last night after its annual conference had set in motion manifesto plans for the first Scottish assembly elections.

But while talk of the long dreamt of assembly, complete with tax-raising powers, was on every one's lips over the weekend, delegates and MPs went home having barely mentioned in public, let alone discussed, how they would cope with the unmentionable: the "Domesday scenario".

That phrase is used to describe what increasingly looks like the outcome of the next general election: an increased Labour majority in Scotland but a Conservative majority in the Commons.

After Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, on Friday ridiculed the idea of a tax-raising assembly, there have been mutterings in Labour ranks involving disruptive action inside and outside parliament in an attempt to force the Government into setting up an such an assembly.

Only Mr Dennis Canavan, Labour MP for Falkirk West, dared mention the possibility of Labour not winning the next election and insisted the party should make plans for forcing a Scottish assembly if it failed to obtain an outright majority.

He told a fringe meeting it was "sheer arrogance, complacency and irresponsible of our party to assume that we are necessarily going to have an overall majority in the House of Commons after the next election".

His comments came after a MORI poll for *The Scotsman* which showed that 50 per cent of Scottish voters favour the setting up of an assembly with substantial powers and 52 per cent of Conservative voters support such a plan.

Mr Donald Dewar, the shadow Secretary of State for Scotland, spoke impresively of capturing 50 per cent of the vote and 50 seats in the election. Labour's existing strength is 51 out of 72 Scottish constituencies.

Mr Dewar said last night: "It is now clear with the dozen or so seats which we have genuine hopes of winning could become very important".

With pressure for a Scottish assembly so strong among Labour ranks, Mr Dewar is aware that anything but an election victory will pose difficult strains and stresses for him and the party leadership.

Mr Dewar finds himself with a remarkably united party. The disruptive influence of Militant and the far left within Labour ranks has virtually vanished. The only internal irritation among Scottish Labour supporters appears to be with the party south of the border.

Clamp on black sections

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

Labour's black parliamentary candidates were warned yesterday that their plans to set up a black section in the parliamentary party when they become MPs will be stamped on by the leadership.

Despite being declared unconstitutional, the left wing black sections campaign held its fourth annual conference in Nottingham at the weekend.

Eight black prospective candidates, including some in winnable seats, were present.

But Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator, made clear yesterday that a parliamentary black section would not be allowed.

The conference debated a black manifesto opposing immigration restrictions, calling for compensation "for those who suffer from not being allowed in" and demanding the instant dismissal of "racist immigration officers".

Discussion at the conference, behind closed doors, was banned to all whites.

The Commission for Racial Equality said later that such action was legal.

A paper accepted by the delegates described the police as "a force of intimidation on council housing estates". It called for "an end to their dubious presence in schools".

It also pledged support for black teachers with "the instant dismissal of any staff found guilty of racist practice or abuse".

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A million pupils set to miss school as strike action bites

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

More than a million pupils in England and Wales are expected to be sent home at midday today when nearly 90.000 teachers stage the fourth in their current series of half-day strikes.

Most schools in Greater London will be closed. Teachers belonging to the two biggest unions will be taking part in a march and two joint rallies.

They will be addressed by Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, and Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers.

Other areas affected today are: Shropshire, Gloucestershire, Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Norfolk, Swansea, Leicester, Huddersfield and Newcastle upon Tyne. At least 1,000 secondary schools are likely to be affected as well as up to 4,000 primary schools.

The half-day strikes, in protest against the Government's decision to impose its own pay-and-conditions deal, will continue in other parts of England and Wales until Thursday.

A new round of selective strikes begins a week today and continues until the end of this term. Further action is likely to be ratified by the annual conferences of the NUT and the NAS/UWT during the Easter holidays.

The third biggest union, the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, will announce the result of its strike ballot tomorrow. Most of its 88.000 members in state schools are expected to stage a half-day strike a week later.

● Local education authorities in England and Wales are to try to head-off the Government's plan to impose a national curriculum on all state schools.

The authorities are planning to set up a national advisory body which they hope a government minister will chair and which would include parents and teachers' representatives.

Instead of laying down a curriculum, as suggested by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, the new body would merely suggest guidelines about what children should be taught.

Mr Ivor Widdison, a spokesman for the authorities, said yesterday: "We have a deep-seated dislike of detailed prescription from a national level.

"We think the sort of body we are suggesting would be safer than putting all the power and influence over the curriculum in the hands of the government of the day."

● Mr Giles Radice, the Labour Party spokesman on education, said yesterday that the Government's proposed city technology colleges were "set to be a miserable flop".

He said the Government had admitted approaching 1,800 companies in an attempt to drum up financial support for the colleges, but only a handful had shown any interest.

In a letter to Mr Baker, Mr Radice described the response as "abysmal".

Mr Alistair Graham, director of the Industrial Society, called on the Government to admit that its attempt to set up the colleges had failed.

Eric Whitehead, aged 61, is enjoying a new career as a shepherd after he was made redundant following 20 years as a factory worker. He tends sheep with his dog Drift on farms around his home at Barnby Moor, Retford, Nottinghamshire and receives a £40-a-week grant from the Manpower Services Commission. (Photograph: Robert Rathbone).

Portfolio —Gold—

Winner to invest part of share

Five readers receive £1,600 as their share of the weekly £8,000 Portfolio Gold dividend.

Mr Tony Metcalfe, aged 67, a retired sales administration manager from Leyburn, North Yorkshire, plans to invest £1,000 of his winnings in a portfolio of his own.

Mr Metcalfe, a reader of *The Times* for more than 20 years, said: "I'm a regular investor on the Stock Exchange. I have three children who will get a couple of hundred pounds each and the remaining £1,000 will go into the kitty for investing."

Dr Alison Broadhurst, a safety consultant, of Christchurch, Dorset, plans to brighten her garden, "making it even more beautiful". Third reader to receive £1,600 is Mrs Peggy Flew, of Maidenhead, Berkshire, who has been a *Times* reader for nearly thirty years. She had no idea yet how she would spend her money.

Mr David Mathews, aged 45, a ship broker of Stowmarket, Suffolk, who is married with one daughter, said: "I am unemployed at the moment, so the money will be very useful".

The fifth winner was Mrs F. Jarvis, of Great Plumstead, Norwich.

There was no winner of Saturday's daily prize of £4,000 — so today's dividend is increased to £8,000.

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Dr Broadhurst, who has plans for her garden.

Rivals battle to keep home fires burning

Keeping the home fires burning in a picturesque Yorkshire Dales village has led to a confrontation between British Gas and British Coal.

It began when British Gas asked residents in Thornton Dale, North Yorkshire, if they wanted to be connected to mains gas. When officials of the Solid Fuel Advisory Service heard about it, they launched a counter-attack to try to keep their customers.

The advisory service said in a leaflet that a switch to gas would mean gardens and paths being dug up, the payment of £250 connection charges and a possibility of condensation.

British Gas North East claimed the leaflet was "misleading". An official said the people of Thornton Dale deserved to be told that gas is both the cheapest and most popular fuel.

Airline safety moves

Danger of the sleepy pilots

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Fears that passengers' lives may be being put at risk by over-tired pilots are leading to changes on the flight decks of long-range flights.

The Civil Aviation Authority is drawing up a complex set of rules which will mean a change in duty rosters. This comes after research by scientists at the Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough into the new generation of jets capable of flying for up to 16 hours with just two pilots on board.

At the moment long-range aircraft carry a crew of three, two pilots and an engineer.

This enables one of them to leave the flight deck while the aircraft is flown by the other pilot and his actions are monitored by the engineer.

With only two crew members this would be impossible, so the CAA at first suggested that no flight lasting longer than eight hours should be operated with two crew members only.

Beyond that a third pilot would be required, and for really long flights two complete crews would be needed.

Research has shown that the problem of sleep disturbance and of ensuring maximum efficiency in very long flights is far more complicated than had been thought.

Dozens of military and civilian pilots have been monitored as they fly to distant spots around the world.

They are then allowed to sleep at Farnborough while electrodes attached to their heads show exactly what level of sleep they manage to achieve.

The IAM has submitted a series of calculations to the Board which, if implemented, will mean that airlines will have to take into account several factors before rostering a pilot for duty.

The British Airline Pilots' Association is concerned that unless strict rules are applied airlines may try to force their pilots to fly longer than is really safe.

The International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations is to discuss the whole problem next month to try to reach international agreement.

"We would have been happier if there were always three pilots on the flight deck", the federation said.

"But we have to admit that we have lost that battle. Now we want to ensure that whatever compromise is reached does not endanger safety."

● The Civil Aviation Authority will today be asked to grant up to 16 new licenses for scheduled routes throughout europe.

Stalker a 'victim of jealousy'

By Ian Smith

The removal of Mr John Stalker from a sensitive investigation into policing in Northern Ireland could have been the result of career jealousy by his colleagues.

Allegations that he might have been the target of a group of senior officers in the Greater Manchester force who resented his rapid rise through the ranks are likely to be made at court proceedings now being considered.

Mr Stalker retired from Britain's largest provincial police force last week.

If the claims claims that he was the victim of jealousy are substantiated, it will end speculation that either MI5, Norther Ireland politicians, or high-ranking RUC officers engineered his demise.

The case in which the revelations might be made involves his former friend Mr Kevin Taylor, who has been under investigation, though never interviewed or charged.

Mr Stalker was a high-flyer, under consideration by the Home Office as a future Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police or eventual Chief Inspector of Constabulary.

On the eve of starting his new job as general manager of Mersey Television Company, the producers of *Brookside*, Mr Stalker said yesterday that he had strong suspicions and some evidence to support his suspicions of why he was targeted.

But he said he could make no further comment because of the case being brought by Mr Taylor against the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, Mr James Anderton.

As a first move towards their goal of obtaining a High Court hearing, legal representatives have issued summonses on behalf of Mr Taylor's company Rangelark Ltd against Mr Anderton, and other officers.

The summonses allege they conspired to pervert the course of justice.

Call for reform of child custody law

By Frances Gibb

The law on child custody should be overhauled and unified into one single code, the Law Society's family law committee says today.

The present law is unnecessarily complicated, inconsistent and difficult to understand, the committee says in its response to the Law Commission's review of custody of children.

There are some 12 different statutes under which orders for custody and access can be made and they are dealt with by three different courts.

The new code should aim at safeguarding the interests of the child and encouraging agreement between parents on the breakdown of the marriage, sometimes with the help of a conciliator.

Parents' arrangements for the children should be accepted by the court unless there is obvious cause for concern and children's appointments before a judge should be abolished.

When parents cannot agree, the committee recommends the case be referred to a senior court welfare officer with the training and experience to make proposals. The parents should meet an independent conciliator.

● The Law Commission proposals to replace the present concept of custody and access with one of "shared care" is criticized by the Family Law Bar Association in its response to the review.

The association says that instead of encouraging cooperation between parents, the proposals could present more opportunities for conflict.

It calls instead for better training for judges in how to make difficult decisions on custody and access.

The association also calls for maximum access to the courts for those with a genuine interest in the future of the child. In particular, in the light of the Jasmine Beckford case, it says foster parents should have access to the courts when they feel that returning a child to its natural family would not be in the child's interests.

Surrogate mother to seek maintenance

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The natural mother of surrogate twins who last week won custody of the children is expected to ask for a court order that the father should pay maintenance.

A childless couple lost their chance to have the children, for which they had agreed to pay a lump sum, when the mother refused to hand them over after they were born, and a judge at Stafford Crown Court ruled in her favour.

The mother, referred to in court as Mrs P, lives on her own with her son, aged seven, and is on social security.

It is understood that one reason that she offered to be a surrogate mother was to raise money to help her to bring up her son.

Under present legislation the father may be forced to pay maintenance costs till the children are aged 16, even though he has been told the twins can never be his.

The bitter twist in the third surrogacy case to reach the courts in Britain is likely to lead to a further protracted battle which will go much higher in the courts, lawyers said yesterday.

If the mother is successful in her claim for maintenance, the father will probably appeal

Plea for married priests

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

Support for the abolition of compulsory celibacy for priests is growing in the Roman Catholic church in Britain, according to the Movement for the Ordination of Married Men.

Its latest bulletin reports a sharp climb in its membership in the past four years, from 120 in 1982 to 450 last month. Nearly 200 are priests.

Father Michael Gaine, chairman of the movement, said there was a continuing decline in the number of priests throughout the world.

"To make suitable married men eligible for the priesthood would go some way to solving these growing problems", he said in a statement accompanying the movement's annual report.

The report emphasizes that several former Anglican clergy who are married have applied to be ordained as Roman Catholic priests in England, and some of their applications have been forwarded to the Vatican for approval.

It also records continuing discussion throughout the world about the shortage of clergy, and of growing interest in alternative measures to cope with it. But Father Gaine insisted that the case for ordaining married men rested primarily on theological and historical grounds and not just the shortage of clergy.

As in most other denominations the decline in manpower arises from the disparity between levels of retirement and recruitment, because of the higher rate of recruitment 40 or 50 years ago.

There is now a steady increase in candidates offering themselves for training as Roman Catholic priests in England and Wales.

Closure threat to monastery

One of Britain's most famous monasteries is threatened with closure because of a shortage of monks.

Only nine monks now serve at Caldy Island off Tenby in Dyfed, running a farm, post office, dairy, and making chocolate and perfume.

At least 11 more are needed and the Cistercian Order has recruited a nurse, some cooks, guest-house staff and a chocolate maker to help them.

The average age of the monks is 64. Twenty-four young men inquired last year about the cloistered life after a recruitment drive but no one joined the order.

The monks are appealing to their Abbot General to allow them to remain on the island and have asked him to take their appeal to Rome when he meets the Pope later this year.

Their spokesman, Father Robert, said: "We are determined to try to keep it going and this year is very important for us. We feel that God is telling us to be very patient.

Tate needs £2.5m for a Picasso

By Jonathan Miller

Trustees of the Tate Gallery are expected to discuss strategies this week for acquiring Picasso's "Weeping Woman", which is in danger of being sold to America unless £2.5 million can be raised.

The 1937 painting of Picasso's model and lover, Dora Maar, has hung in the Tate on loan since 1965.

It was originally the property of Picasso's biographer, Sir Roland Penrose, who died in 1984, and has been offered to the Tate by his son, who has been liquidating his father's collection to pay death duties.

Two years ago, the Tate purchased from the Penrose estate Giorgio de Chirico's "Uncertainty of a Poet" for £3 million.

It is understood the gallery may have only three to six months to raise the Picasso money, and will face considerable difficulty doing so, especially after its big effort to buy Constable's "Opening of Waterloo Bridge".

● The Queen's visit to the Tate next month may help it to raise more than £500,000 needed to complete the purchase of the Constable, which is on offer to the gallery from a private collection for £3 million.

The gallery has committed £500,000 from its acquisition fund for the picture, and has pledges of £1.9 million from other sources. It may go abroad if the Tate has not raised the rest by April 20.

On April 1, The Queen is to open the Clore Gallery extension to the Tate, which will house its extensive collection of Turners. Trustees hope that her visit will bring large numbers of visitors to the gallery after the extension opens to the public on April 6, and that they will contribute to the Constable appeal.

● Two paintings by the Prince of Wales will be included in the spring exhibition of the Royal Society of Painters in Watercolours at the Bankside Gallery, Blackfriars, in May.

Police attempt to calm Tottenham riot estate

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A senior London police commander met community leaders and politicians in Tottenham at the weekend to reduce tension and the fear of another riot on the Broadwater Farm estate after the end of the PC Blakelock murder trial this week.

Scotland Yard has learned that, even though the estate is peaceful, there may be plans by some groups for a confrontation with the police, whatever the verdicts.

The level of policing on the estate is expected to remain low-key to prevent a heavy police presence being used as an excuse to trigger attacks.

But contingency plans have been drawn up to put police reinforcements, including territorial support groups, the new riot units, on stand-by.

The trial of three men accused of the policeman's murder during the riot on the estate in 1985 could end within days. The jury may begin deliberations tomorrow.

Mr Douglas Cree, the deputy Assistant Commissioner who heads the London area covering Tottenham and the borough of Haringey, met local groups over the weekend.

Scotland Yard said in a statement: "DAC Cree has and is consulting leaders of the Haringey community to express certain fears and is seeking their support in ensuring that peace and calm prevail in the area".

Police have been told of factors which suggest that riot weapons and ammunition have been stockpiled.

Several weeks ago thousands of milk bottles were not returned, suggesting that petrol bombs might be under preparation.

Garages in the area have noted an increased sale of cans of petrol to youths.

Range Rover takes on its US rivals

Demand in the United States for the Range Rover has meant that each dealer has already sold up to 30 cars in advance of today's launch in the world's largest car market (Our Motor Industry Correspondent writes).

The company expects the Range Rover to sell to affluent US households with an income of more than $100.000 a year, replacing an upmarket European car as the second vehicle.

However, the initial buyers appear to see the Range Rover as a useful and practical vehicle in its own right as only a handful of cars have been traded in when ordering the $30,825 British four wheel drive vehicle.

Although priced above the Jeep Grand Wagoneer, the most expensive US rival, the British car is almost $10.000 cheaper than a Mercedes estate car or a Jaguar.

Outspoken judge upsets law students

The Lord Chancellor is expected to receive a complaint this week about Judge Argyle, QC, over remarks he is reported to have made in a speech on Friday, including an attack on the Government's law and order policy (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

Judge Argyle, aged 72, apparently upset some students in an address at Trent Polytechnic which he thought was unreported but which was recorded. One student plans to make an official complaint.

According to *The Observer* yesterday the judge abandoned the traditional political neutrality adopted on the bench and attacked the Government for failing to tackle law and order.

"Quite simply, law and order does not exist in this country at the moment. The criminals are walking all over us", the judge is reported as saying.

He apparently also suggested that judges should have discretion to impose the death sentence on anyone convicted of an offence carrying a sentence of more than 15 years; that there could be as many as five million illegal immigrants in this country; and that prison no longer deterred criminals as they only served a small part of their sentence.

Judge Argyle has been one of the most controversial judges since 1971 when he sat on the "Oz" trial of the underground newspaper.

Fans jailed for battle with police

Nine football supporters were sent to prison yesterday and six others fined £300 each, after a clash in which bottles and glasses were thrown at police.

Seven officers were hurt, none seriously, as they tried to separate a crowd of about 500 rival fans at Chesterfield, Derbyshire, on Saturday.

The trouble was between supporters of Coventry, returning home after losing to Sheffield Wednesday, and local fans who had seen their team lose to Swindon Town.

Seven fans were each sentenced to 21 days' imprisonment, one received 42 days, and another 28 days, for public order offences.

Cases against three fans were adjourned, and another two were remanded in custody

Battlefield tours go to the Falklands

The fifth anniversary of the Argentine invasion of the Falklands is less than three weeks away. In the islands the memories remain as vivid as the red of the poppy wreaths which decorate the memorials and graves all year around.

But the horrors and heroism of 1982 have been carefully consigned to the history books, and life has resumed with new impetus.

The fledgling and delicate tourist industry, upon which the islands' development corporation pins many hopes, is pragmatically welcoming battlefield tourists.

A Royal Engineers bomb disposal expert, holding up examples of deadly mines and ordnance, will impress on holidaymakers that not all reminders of 1982 are as benign as stone memorials.

The holidays are organized by Major and Mrs Holt's Battle Field Tours, of Sandwich, Kent. Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Martin, one of the company's senior leaders, emphasizes that the Falklands project is the most ambitious of his company's tours, most of which involve coach trips to Europe's battlefields.

"With all our tours we show the greatest respect but, in the case of the Falklands, memories are still strong and emotions raw", the colonel said.

Local opinion appears to approve of the enterprise, even if it believes that battlefield tourism is on the unconventional fringe of the economic development effort.

Mr Desmond King, the owner and manager of the Upland Goose Hotel, said: "I don't think there is anything wrong with it at all. The more people who get to know the Falklands, the better. And of course we need the business."

Mr David Morgan, a Welshman who recently became the first manager of the local tourist board, understands the satisfaction that such visits can bring.

"I have visited Fitzroy and Sapper Hill, for example", Mr Morgan said, "and the memorials there have been tastefully built. As a Welshman, it is especially moving."

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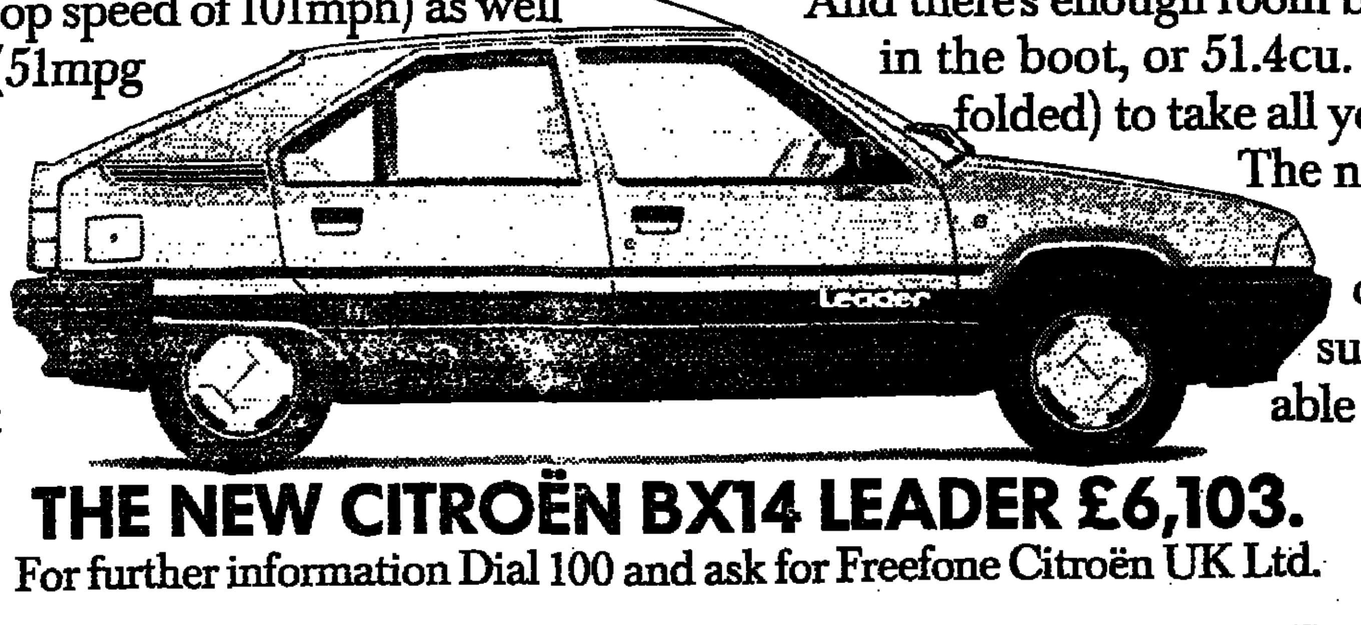

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Drug crisis forces up serious crime rate

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A steady rise in serious crime and a slump in the arrest and clearup rates will be revealed in figures to be released by the Home Office and Scotland Yard today.

In London, senior officers point to unemployment and the spread of drugs as causes of the problem.

The figures offer little comfort to the Government despite its position as the party of law and order. Last night, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour spokesman on home affairs, gave warning that the Government faces tough criticism.

He accused the Prime Minister of releasing the figures early, in the hope that they would be lost in pre-Budget speculation.

The London figures offer little immediate comfort for Sir Kenneth Newman, retiring this summer as Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

The number of offences in the capital rose to 768,000, or five per cent on the 1985 total, but according to Whitehall sources the figure for the whole of England and Wales, including London, will show a seven per cent rise.

That means that last year more than 3.8 million serious offences were recorded

The clearup rate in London fell from 18 to 16 per cent. The Home Office figures are understood to show a drop from 35 per cent in 1985 to 31.6 per cent last year as the average for all 43 forces in England and Wales.

Arrests in London last year fell by 6 per cent to 103,084.

Burglaries of London homes rose by six per cent last year but they were still below the figure for 1984. Domestic burglaries nationally have gone up by 10 per cent in the same two-year period although the increase last year was only 3.2 per cent.

Mugging rose by 14 per cent to 10,289 offences and recorded rapes rose from 570 to 826, an increase of nearly 50 per cent.

The London force has had to cope with special London responsibilities, new legislation, public order problems and public demands not connected to crime.

It also has had to face a trebling of recorded crime in the past 20 years while the manpower has only increased by 40 per cent.

LONDON CRIME FIGURES 1986

		%
Violence against the person	20,308	0.3
Sex offences	3,824	+7
Robbery	16,191	+7
Burglary	157,986	+1.7
Theft	413,588	+7
Fraud and forgery	33,887	-8
Criminal Damage	119,918	+6
Others	3,002	-10

Capital's beat bobbies being kept off streets

By Our Crime Reporter

Demands on the police in London have become so great *that last* year only one uniformed officer patrolled the streets of the capital each day for *every* 850 residents.

***Scotland Yard said it could* put fewer than a thousand uniformed officers from a total of 27,000 on the streets for *traditional police work each* day because of training requirements, public order demands such as the News International *dispute at Wapping*, new legislation such as the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, and emergencies.**

The police-resident ratio does not include the hundreds of thousands of people who commute into London each day or visitors.

Senior officers set the difficulties facing the London force against the 1986 crime statistics which are scheduled to be published today and which show a significant rise in almost every category of crime: The number of cases solved and the number of arrests both declined.

***There are more than 10,500* calls on the 999 system or to local stations each day which require immediate police responses *often involving* officers on the beat.**

Since 1979 the force has gained an extra 4,500 officers *but has lost the equivalent of* 3,450 through changes in the working week and leave arrangements. The *formation of new anti-riot teams, called* territorial support groups, has taken a further 800 officers away from normal duties.

● The *number of complaints* by the public against Sussex police fell by 50.59 per cent last year. There were 338 complaints against 668 in 1985.

● The number of crimes in Hertfordshire increased by 6 per cent from 38,752 cases in 1985 to 41,228 in 1986. Rates of detection fell from 20,065 to 18,848, a decrease of 6 per cent, in the same period.

Tunnel proposal delays road work

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

There is growing concern about the long delay of the Department of Transport in reaching a decision on the upgrading of a section of North Circular Road at Ealing, west London.

It is nearly two years since the department received the report of the inspector after a public inquiry on the upgrading of the road between Pope's Lane and Western Avenue.

There is still no indication that a decision is imminent. The department talks of complex issues raised by the inspector's report as causing the delay, but it is believed that the key issue is whether a stretch of the road should be put in a tunnel, which would be much more expensive than carrying it along the surface.

Major roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M2 Kent: Junction 4 (Gillingham) resurfacing, nearside lane closed on coastbound carriageway; contraflow and lane closures continue between junctions 5 and 7 (Sittingbourne/Brenley corner, near Faversham).

M20 Kent: *Roadworks* continue on the London-bound carriageway approaching the junction with the M26, 50mph speed restriction.

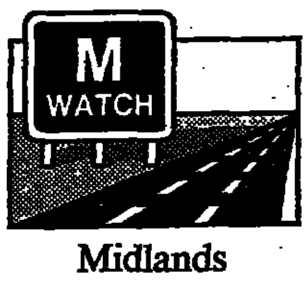
A1 (M) Hertfordshire: Continuing roadworks at the Hatfield tunnel and at junction 7 (near Stevenage) with off-peak lane closures.

M1 Northamptonshire: Northbound lane closure between junction 16 (Northampton) and Watford gap services outside peak hours.

M275 Hampshire: Flyover construction between junction with M27 and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth.

M27 Hampshire: Preparatory work for contraflow just west of Eastleigh.

M40 Thames Valley junction 6 (Watlington): Lane closures in both directions.



Midlands

M5 Hereford and Worcester: One lane open southbound and two northbound between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester north). Also southbound entry slip at junction 5 and southbound exit slip at junction 6 are closed.

M5 West Midlands: Lane restrictions and some overnight carriageway closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50 South Wales).

North

M63 Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester: Widening scheme. Lane restrictions and *slip road closures* between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles interchange/A56 Stretford).

A1(M) Tyne and Wear: Bridge repairs. Lane closures with signposted diversions.

A66(M) Co Durham: Replacement of bridge joints on Darlington spur. Contraflow.

M6 Cumbria: Contraflow between junctions 41 and 42 (Wigton/Carlisle).

M6 Lancashire between junctions 31 and 32 (Preston/A6): Major roadworks.

M66 Greater Manchester: *Resurfacing between junctions* 2 and 4 with contraflow. (Bury /M62)

Wales and West

M5 Avon/Somerset/Devon: Lane closures continue north and southbound between junctions 21 (Bristol South) and 29 (Honiton).

Scotland

M8 between junctions 26 and 31 (Renfrew/Paisley): Barrier inspections. Westbound outside and middle lanes closed.

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A short crinoline designed by Betty Jackson is just one of the skirts dominating the British Designer Show which attracted record attendance at Olympia at the weekend and runs until tomorrow night. Such crinolines, with hemlines well above the knee, puffballs of fabric and mini A-line skirts, are making this a season for the leggy (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Lawyers and computers: 1

Revolution goes to court as desk-top terminals move in

In the first of two articles on lawyers and computers, Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at how computers and new technology are moving into the courts.

Lawyers and the courts are poised for a computer revolution. Desk-top terminals are moving in among wigs, gowns and bundles tied with tape and the Government has embarked on a 10-year programme for computerizing the running of courts.

Computers are also moving in to the courtroom. The Government is legislating so evidence can be taken by live video link in child sexual abuse cases and where witnesses are abroad; the Bar has even proposed that such links be used in remand hearings, to avoid prisoners having to be brought to court.

In the civil courts, a key proposal of the Lord Chancellor's 10-year computerization strategy is a centralized Claims Registry to handle routine processing of summonses, such as debt recovery, one of the biggest areas of civil work.

County courts would be *equipped with computer* terminals so they could link directly with one of three central data bases. Those will *handle record-keeping*, receipts and payments.

At Staines County Court, an experiment is under way for computerized debt *recovery* procedures and there are other pilot projects covering bailiffs' warrant control, suitors' cash payments, divorce casework and district registry casework.

In the Crown Court there is an experiment in four centres — the Inner London sessions, *Nottingham*, Leicester and Derby — covering the administration of the courts' casework, the listing of cases and *payment* of lawyers' fees.

If successful, independent management consultants have recommended a computer network covering all 70 Crown Court centres.

Computers are similarly moving into magistrates' courts, mainly to help with accounting but increasingly, in places such as Ealing and Brentford, in west London, to extend administrative help.

The first experiments have taken place for electronic links between courts and their users — lawyers, police, *prison and probation staff* — and the results are being examined to see if they could be widened.

One, *run by British* Telecom's property and law services division and Prestel, involved four London courts. It looked at the benefits of sending to the profession up-to-the-minute information on listing of cases.

The second trial, based on three Birmingham courts, involved the use of electronic mail. Lawyers were sent advance details of their expected cases. *The information* was updated as lists were changed.

Despite such experiments, the Government is not going *far enough in committing* itself to using computers and technology in the courts, lawyers say. Mr Henry Brooke, QC, chairman last year of the Senate computer committee, says there has been "little positive progress" towards identifying how technology could make the criminal justice system more efficient.

Lawyers are keen to have two-way communications so they can "talk" to the courts as well as receiving information.

Above all, the Bar and the Law Society are pressing for a *computer to assist courts in* monitoring caseloads and striking out dormant cases

Even if government funds *are restricted*, *Mr Brooke says* the way forward should be some low-cost pilot projects to test computerized case control. With the Government likely to embark on sweeping reforms to the civil courts in the next two years, the time is now ripe, Mr Brooke says.

Tomorrow: lawyers' offices.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Paris protest at nationality code

Paris – More than 10,000 people marched through the streets of the French capital yesterday to protest against the Government's proposed reforms to the French nationality code (*Susan MacDonald writes*).

There were more than 200 organizations represented in the demonstration, which was arranged by the French anti-racist group, SOS Racisme. Among those taking part were leaders of the Socialist Party and the Socialist and Communist-led trade unions.

The Bill abolishes the automatic right to French citizenship of children born in France to non-French nationals and tightens the nationality regulations relating to marriages. But after a statement by M Albin Chalandon, Minister of Justice, it looks as if it will be redrafted and not presented to Parliament in the spring session.

Fight outside US base

Madrid (Reuter) – Police fought with anti-American protesters on the outskirts of Torrejón air base yesterday, after thousands of Spaniards marched there demanding an end to the US military presence in Spain.

Only hours before Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, was due to arrive for an official visit, the marchers trekked 14 miles from Madrid behind a samba band and banners reading "Nato No, Neutrality Yes, Bases Out".

Witnesses said that as the rally broke up peacefully, small groups of demonstrators gathered outside the base perimeter fence and began hurling stones at police, who replied with smoke bombs, rubber bullets and baton charges.

Attack on memorial

Tokyo (AP) – North Korea yesterday accused Britain of trying to arouse "anti-communist hysterics" by establishing a memorial to the 1,000 British soldiers killed in the Korean War.

The Queen unveiled the memorial to the British members of the UN force at St Paul's Cathedral last Wednesday.

Pyongyang's *Rodong Shinmun* newspaper, in a report carried by the Korean News Agency, described the British soldiers in the conflict as "mercenaries. . .who committed unpardonable atrocities, murdering the Korean people."

Aids rape sentence

Los Angeles (AFP) – An Aids victim has been jailed for 10 years here for raping a three-year-old girl, despite pleas for leniency on the grounds that he would die soon.

The child has not contracted the disease from her assailant, Luis Gillespie, who adopted her illegally in Ecuador.

● KOCHI, Japan: A Japanese housewife infected with Aids has given birth, the first such case in the country, despite advice by doctors that she should have an abortion (Reuter reports). A local official said it would be weeks before it was known if the baby was infected.

Gangsters get life

Tokyo – Five gangsters were sentenced to life imprisonment over the weekend for the assassination of three leaders of Japan's biggest criminal syndicate (David Watts writes).

The killing of Masahisa Takenaka and two of his associates of the Yamaguchi-gumi more than two years ago provoked the gangster war which has been fought fitfully throughout western Japan ever since, ending in a truce only last month after 25 other gangsters had been killed and 70 injured in 300 incidents.

The five men sentenced were all associated with a rival gang and led by Hiroh Ishikawa. Three other gangsters got 10-year terms for being lookouts when Takenaka was shot

Martial law threat

Dhaka – A top government leader and former Bangladesh Army general yesterday threatened the imposition of martial law if civil agitation continued against the Government of President Ershad (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Major-General Mahmudul Hasan, Secretary-General of the ruling Jatiyo Party, told Parliament that military rule could come again if unrest spread and the opposition parties tried to seize power by violence. He accused the opposition of spreading anarchy.

Crusade for beer

Bonn – The West German Government has urged publicans not to sell "chemical" beers from other EEC countries, after the European Court ruling that banning them violates Community trade rules.

Herr Wolfgang von Geldern, state secretary in the Agriculture Ministry, said in an interview published yesterday: "I appeal urgently to publicans not to serve cheap beer that does not comply with our pure beer law. Customers should also insist on getting only pure German beer."

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President admits he was wrong

Reagan exonerates top officials

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

President Reagan, embarking on a new strategy for controlling the political damage of the Iran arms scandal, admitted for the first time at the weekend:"I was wrong." He said he should have listened to the advice of Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary.

In his weekly radio address, delivered from Camp David, he said that both Cabinet secretaries had strongly advised him not to pursue the initiative, but he rejected their advice because he thought the sale was worth the risk. "As we now know, it turned out they were right and I was wrong," he declared.

The assertion comes in the wake of angry complaints from Mr Shultz and Mr Weinberger about criticisms of them in the report of the Tower Commission, which investigated the arms sales. *Both issued statements* expressing gratitude to Mr Reagan, whose remarks clearly demonstrate that he has no intention of replacing either of them.

White House advisers hope *that the unequivocal personal* admission of error will mark *an upturn in the President's* political fortunes, and help *him* to focus attention on the two key issues of his remaining time in the White House, arms control and the budget deficit.

However, in private the President is said still to believe that the Iran arms strategy was not in wrong principle. Some of his friends believe he would even do it again if he thought there was a chance of getting the American hostages out of Lebanon.

Mr Jack Kemp taking a quizzical look at Mr Donald Rumsfeld, a would-be fellow runner in the forthcoming US presidential race, before they addressed the North-East Republican Leadership Conference in Nashua, New Hampshire, at the weekend.

Former Senator Paul Laxalt, *a personal friend, said:* "I think he privately still holds to *his initial conviction* that the policy was well worth it." Mr Laxalt and other friends of Mr Reagan, in unusually frank assessments of the President's state of mind as he battles *through his greatest political* crisis, paint a picture of a demoralized man who has seen his unique popularity and one of the most successful presidencies in modern times crumble before his eyes.

Mr Reagan's weekend *speech represented* a sharp change of position from his *television address on March 4*, after the publication of the Tower report, which had concluded that Mr Shultz and Mr Weinberger distanced themselves from the Iran operation and had not protected the *President from its* consequences. Mr Reagan said then that the findings were "honest, convincing and highly critical, and I accept *them*." He also said the Iran effort "was a mistake."

On Saturday, however, he *implicitly* rejected the criticisms of his Cabinet officers. *"They discharged their* responsibilities as my advisers and as my subordinates," he insisted. "No President has ever been served better by two such *men* on his National Security Council."

Originally Mr Weinberger wanted Mr Reagan to defend him in the March 4 address, but Mr Reagan declined on the ground that it would *conflict with the image* of conciliation that he intended to present. *White House officials* made little secret of their displeasure at Mr Weinberger's overriding concern for himself at a time when the President was in such deep political trouble.

After Saturday's speech, Democratic leaders swifty *sought to belittle the apparent* sensitivity of Mr Shultz and Mr Weinberger to the Tower criticisms. Mr Tony Coehlo of California, the Democratic Whip in the House of Representatives, said: "I'm glad the see-no-evil, hear-no-evil twins have been embraced by their *speak-no-evil* President. I wish Reagan would spend as *much time solving the budget* crisis as he does throwing *kisses to his* Cabinet secretaries."

In another development, it *emerged yesterday* that in 1985 Vice-President George Bush helped a *Guatemalan* politician who wanted to aid the Nicaraguan Contras at a time when US assistance for the rebels was banned.

Khashoggi defends Irangate role

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

The only reason Mr Adnan Khashoggi *became involved in* the Irangate arms deal was "a desire to contribute *to peace in* the Middle East", the prominent Arabian businessman claimed in an interview published in a Spanish newspaper yesterday.

He also claimed that he lost £10 million on the deal.

Interviewed in Monte Carlo by a reporter from the independent *Madrid daily, El Pais*, Mr Khashoggi also denied that he is bankrupt.

He laid the blame for his present financial difficulties on losses of $500 million (£330 million) sustained by his Triad America Company in property operations, adding: "I never pretended to be the richest *man in the world*, and I'm not ruined now. The truth lies somewhere *in between*."

Mr Khashoggi did admit he advanced cash for the purchase of arms to be shipped to Iran via Israel.

Israel gives pledge to stop forging British passports

By Nicholas Beeston

Britain has received assurances from Israel that it will stop forging British passports for use by Mossad secret service agents abroad.

The secret Israeli operation was uncovered last summer *when eight forged passports*, and documents linking them with Israel, were discovered by chance in a telephone booth in West Germany and handed in to the British Embassy.

According to *The Sunday Times*, which disclosed the story yesterday, the blank passports were found to be *high quality forgeries*, although it was not clear where the Israeli agents intended to use them.

In October the Israeli Ambassador in London, Mr Yehuda Avner, was severely rebuked by the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Timothy Renton.

"Mr Renton delivered a *strong protest and demanded* assurances from the Israelis *that they would halt their* forgery operation," a source at the Foreign Office said yesterday.

The Foreign Office followed up the meeting with several further demands until Israel eventually provided the necessary assurances that it would stop using British forgeries. A spokesman at the Foreign *Office said the Government* now regarded the matter as *closed*.

Although the Israeli Embassy in London refused to comment, Arab sources predicted that the revelation could endanger British citizens working in or visiting certain areas of the Middle East.

"*Now that it has been made* public that Mossad agents could be travelling on British passports, people will become *more suspicious of Britons*," said one Arab diplomat. "You will be handing terrorist groups, who want to take British hostages, the perfect alibi on a golden platter."

Foreign Office sources said that there was already concern for the safety of Britons living in *some Arab countries*, especially Lebanon, but emphasized that "there is no evidence to suggest that this latest episode will make matters any worse".

Under the Labour Government of Mr James Callaghan, Britain complained to Israel over the use of a forged British passport by a female Mossad *agent*, who entered Beirut and murdered a Palestinian leader suspected of masterminding the Munich Olympic Games massacre

In Lebanon, one of the three missing Britons, Mr Alec Collett, a journalist, aged 64, was thought to have been *kidnapped by Palestinian* guerrillas in March 1985 because *they suspected that he* had travelled to Israel. His family in Britain *believe* he was killed or died in captivity

The Israeli spymaster, Mr Rafi Eitan, who says his superiors knew he was running the Jonathan Pollard espionage operation in the US, yesterday denied press reports that he had talked about the scandal with politicians and warned them that he would not be the Government's scapegoat (Reuter reports).

Wage freeze provokes unrest in Yugoslavia

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

The Yugoslav Government's attempts to impose a wage freeze on all loss-making enterprises have triggered off a wave of strikes in Croatia, where union leaders are demanding urgent talks to prevent widespread labour unrest.

The Federal Government recently passed legislation which links pay to productivity and penalizes enterprises that increased wages in 1986. The move has led to considerable *confusion* and provoked a number of strikes. Since the beginning of the month, when the new law came into force, 7,000 workers from 28 enterprises, some of them successful exporters, have been on strike.

The unions in the Croatian republic emphasize that the Government, while imposing partial wage restrictions, has allowed steep price rises for staple foods, which have increased *the cost of living* by 7 per cent a month. While not *challenging the legislation* as such, the unions demand that the Government should control food prices.

The average Yugoslav family spends 60 per cent of its £100 monthly income on food, which is already more expensive than in many West European countries.

Yugoslavia's inflation rate last year was almost 90 per *cent and many enterprises, in* anticipation of the Government's wage restrictions, hurried to keep the peace with their employees by increasing salaries above the rate of inflation. But this merely stoked up the inflationary fires.

If present trends were to continue, Yugoslav inflation this year could well go over 100 per cent.

For a country whose cost of *living* has *been rising* so rapidly, there has so far been *remarkably little unrest*, even though more than 100,000 people were involved in some 900 strikes last year.

But with the new law com*ing into effect*, many workers have found themselves worse *off than in 1986*, and there are fears that the scale of last year's disruption could be exceeded.

Threat to Gulf oil by missiles

**From Christopher Thomas
Washington**

Iran has installed large, *land-based*, anti-ship missiles near the Strait of Hormuz, posing a new threat to the flow of oil out of the Gulf, according to American intelligence sources quoted yesterday.

They said there were about *six missiles at two separate* locations near the mouth of the *Gulf. One is on the Iranian* coastline near the town of *Kuhestak*, the other on the island of Qeshm near Bandar Abbas, a leading port. They are believed to have a range of 25 to 50 miles.

***The New York Times quoted* the sources as saying that, *while* the missiles may have been installed by the Iranians to protect Bandar Abbas from attack, it was more likely that they were intended to demonstrate Tehran's ability to interrupt Gulf shipping.**

The missile system appears to be of a Chinese design known as HY 2 and was spotted by American intelligence in the past month. The HY 2 *system is based* on a Chinese-built version of the Soviet-designed missile known in the West as Styx.

It is not known if the *missiles were supplied directly* from China or if they came through a third party. Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, raised the issue of Chinese arms to Iran during his visit to China earlier this month.

Intelligence officials have said China is a leading weapons supplier to Iran. Mr Shultz said they denied this.

Defence analysts said the missiles pose little threat to *warships around the entrance* to the Gulf.

Another Afrikaner defects

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government has suffered a further psychological blow with the defection of another prominent Afrikaner to the camp of former members of the ruling National Party, who are contesting the white general election on May 6 as independents.

The latest escaper from the laager is Mr David de Villiers, who resigned at the weekend as a director of Nasionale Pers (National *Press*), one of the two main Afrikaans newspaper groups and owner of *Die Burger*, the influential mouthpiece of the National Party.

Mr de Villiers said he had decided to act as an adviser to Dr Esther Lategan, a former NP member who is running as an independent candidate at Stellenbosch in the Western Cape, seat of the oldest Afrikaans-speaking university.

In his letter of resignation, Mr de Villiers said he had long had "misgivings" about whether it was in the interest of Nasionale Pers and the cause it served that its newspapers *must remain* closely bound to a political party. It had long been apparent, he added, that social justice could not be achieved through apartheid.

Mr de Villiers's defection follows hard on the forced resignation a week ago of Dr Willem 'Wimpie' de Klerk – the brother of the Transvaal leader of the National Party, Mr F.W. de Klerk – as editor of the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper *Rapport* because he was felt to be giving too much coverage to the independent candidates.

An opinion poll commissioned by the ultra-liberal Progressive Federal Party purports *to show that whites who* still believe the Government *is the* best vehicle for reform are now equalled in number by those who would like to see a new coalition of reform-minded parties.

● **Rebel shot:** The police said yesterday they had shot dead an African National Congress guerrilla who tried to throw a grenade at them while digging up an arms cache he had led them to in a *remote area of the* Cape peninsula.

Japanese cash unites West's science research

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making money in Japanese products.

And second is that any *breakthroughs will have to* come through Japan's own original efforts or, because of the staggering cost of new programmes, in co-operation with the West.

If there is one thing that *Japan fears most, probably* without foundation, it is being cut off from Western sources of basic research.

The Human Frontiers programme would take care of many of Japan's concerns if *Western caution* can be overcome.

At the moment the Americans are showing the greatest interest while Britain is among those least enthusiastic, fearful that despite promises that the results of such research would be shared internationally. *the programme* might turn disproportionately to Japan's benefit while its market place spin-offs would be rapidly exploited by Japanese corporations.

The Human Frontier programme is just one element of Japan's six-pronged approach to scientific research, spanning the years *1975-2000*.

These schemes are designed to exploit private sector skills and funding much more, rather than the "old" style of *tight control over every aspect* of industrial and international policy, which has been phased out since 1980.

The six strategies are:

- ● Parallel-track research and development programmes, in which the *fifth-generation* computer is featured, which bring together the best brains in any one field;
- ● Strategic international alliances, of which the Human Frontier programme is the classic example;
- ● The "technopolis" concept *in which 19 areas throughout* the country have been selected for development as "Silicon Valleys" to transform Japan into a hi-tech archipelago of new research cities;
- ● Telecommunications networking: Japan will be the first country in the *world to link* its towns by fibre-optical cable in *an Information Network* System (INS) worth up to £100 billion;
- ● Promotion of venture capital and venture business to bring *to the market* small, adventurous, new firms;
- ● Selective import promotion, which is a continuation of the policy that Japan has long pursued of *promoting* the import of low value-added *products such as* raw materials and agricultural products, those *hi-tech* items which she herself does not yet produce – such as jet airliners

By far the most research and development in Japan is done by the private *sector* but government and semi-government *programmes* cover some of the most significant.

Among the 22 research projects watched over by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry are such *things* as new alloys and ceramics which will lead eventually to car engines made of ceramics;.. the synthesis of speech by computers; advanced robotics and biotechnology.

The *Science* and Technology Agency's nine projects include many terms which are not yet in the layman's lexicon but included are such things as amorphous silicon, *which* has already been incorporated into solar-powered watches and calculators.

Yet the ministry and the agency take up a minority slice of Japan's public sector research and development budget which totalled 1,525 billion yen last year.

The Government is now trying to break down industry's distaste for working with the universities and, if they succeed, the *combination* could mean an even more formidable Japan.

Bishops to fight seizure of lands

**From Mario Modiano
Athens**

A general meeting of the 76-*bishop Assembly* of the Church of Greece has been called for Wednesday to consider the crisis caused by the Socialist Government's de*cision to* turn over all church land to the people.

***Angry prelates* have also demanded a church-state separation, the closing of all churches during the celebrations for Greek Independence Day on March 25 and appeals to the European Court of Justice over the decision announced by the Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou.**

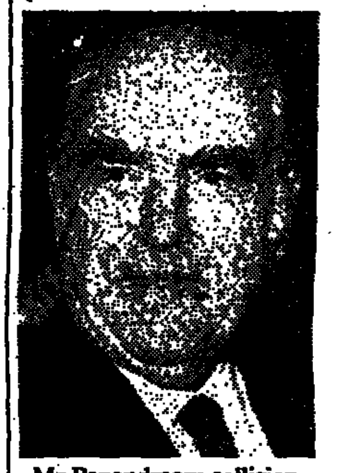
To bolster his Government's *flagging* popularity among Greek farmers, Mr Papandreou *has decided to* fulfil his long-overdue pre-election pledge *to release not* only the church's land but that of the deposed Greek royal family.

A draft law, which Parliament will debate on Wednesday, will virtually dispossess the church, the country's biggest landowner *after the state*, of more than 370,000 acres of forest, pastures *and farmland, but above* all of its control over highly-valuable but undeveloped urban property.

After an emergency meeting, the Holy Synod, the church's 12-bishop governing body, has already asked the Government to withdraw the bill, *saying* it violates the constitution.

The *ruling* party was committed by its original platform to expropriate *all* big estates. But no action was taken until March 7 when Mr Papandreou, addressing his party's farm co-operative cadres, deviated from his text to announce that he was seizing *all church and royal family* estates before the end of this month.

No legislation has yet been produced to take over the real estate of King Constantine, who has lived in exile since his abortive bid to overthrow the military junta in 1967. A 1974 national plebiscite then opted *in favour of a republic*.



Mr Papandreou: collision course with church.

What the King personally owns in Greece includes the 10,000-acre estate of Tatoi, north of Athens, site of the summer palace and the Greek royal family's graveyard; another 8,300-acre forest in Thessaly; and the Mon Repos palace and 70 acres of olive groves on the island of Corfu.

***Under the draft law tabled* by the Government, all farmland owned by the country's 150-odd monasteries will come under the control of the church property management agency within six months, and four government-appointed lay board members will be able to outvote the three church representatives.**

The Greek *church inherited* vast tracts of land from the *departing Turks* after *Greek* independence in 1830.

Now, according to the law, all land is to be transferred to the farm co-operatives as well as other, unspecified, state institutions, against a five per cent "tithe" to the monasteries, which will also be allowed to keep enough land for their own maintenance. Few landless peasants *exist in Greece* today and under the constitu*tion forests cannot be given* away by the state.

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Opening up the Eastern bloc

Public disgrace for old ally of Brezhnev in anti-corruption drive

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's drive to clean up Soviet public life has taken a dramatic turn with the public disgracing of Mr Dinmukhamed Kunayev, a former long-serving member of the Politburo and close associate of the late President Brezhnev.

Mr Kunayev, aged 75, holds many of the Soviet Union's most coveted honours. He was a "Hero of Socialist Labour" in 1972, 1976 and 1982, the holder of eight Orders of Lenin, the Order of the Red Banner of Labour, and in 1959 was awarded a special medal "for valiant labour".

Western diplomatic sources said last night that the decision to take such a drastic step against a man who led the Communist Party in the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan for 22 years and was a voting member of the Politburo for 15 years was an indication that plans might be under way to bring him to formal trial.

In announcing the move, Tass said that a leading party body in Kazakhstan had been instructed "to discuss the question of the responsibility as a party member" of Mr Kunayev — official jargon meaning that expulsion from the party is likely to follow.

The Soviet agency listed charges against the former regional party chief, whose removal from office last December prompted fierce rioting. They were: "gross violations of the standards of party life; establishing the cult of his personality; distorting personnel policy; manifestations of the mentality of 'everything goes', which led to the development in the republic of protectionism; abuse of office; bribe-taking; corruption; nationalist and other negative phenomena".

The action, which was instigated by Mr Kunayev's successor as party chief, the Russian-born Mr Gennady Kolbin, is understood to have had Mr Gorbachov's personal approval.

Mr Kunayev: holder of many top Soviet honours.

The Western sources explained that, if Mr Kunayev were eventually brought to trial, it would be the first time that a top party leader had been subjected to criminal charges since the show trials and execution in the 1930s of Old Bolshevik revolutionaries, including Nikolai Bukharin, Lev Kamenev and Grigory Zinoviev.

The most recent example of such a high-level party official leaving office under a cloud was in 1972, when the Georgian party leader, Mr Vasily Mzhavadnadze, was retired amid widespread rumours of corruption which were never publicly confirmed. He was given a pension and there was no public reprimand.

Since Mr Kunayev was ousted from the leadership of the Kazakh party, Mr Kolbin, a staunch Gorbachov loyalist, has been conducting a ruthless purge of corrupt officials. Earlier this month, an opulent chain of guest-houses and hunting lodges reserved for the party elite was turned into kindergartens and summer camps for young people.

According to Soviet sources, the December riots and the subsequent investigation of their cause demonstrated the full extent to which Kazakhstan had become corrupted under Mr Kunayev's leadership. He was finally dismissed from the Politburo in January. His supporters, many with a vested interest in his survival, were among those who instigated the street violence.

● The city council in Moscow, under its disgraced former mayor, Mr Vladimir Promyslov, failed to present annual accounts for 30 years, the capital's party leader, Mr Boris Yeltsin, told *Moskovskaya Pravda* yesterday (Reuter reports).

Editor's call to extend openness

From Our Own Correspondent, Moscow

Mr Viktor Afanseyev, the editor of Pravda and the Soviet Union's most influential journalist, has called for the controversial policy of glasnost to be further extended to cover what he described as "restricted zones" still facing the media in their reporting.

Addressing the journalists' congress, Mr Afanseyev said on Saturday that the Soviet media had become much more critical since Mr Gorbachov launched his campaign for openness, and that increasingly senior officials were having to submit to the gaze of the press.

However, Mr Afanseyev acknowledged that restricted zones remained. "In particular, departments in charge of space missions give scanty information to journalists and do so reluctantly."

● Hunger strike: Pravda yesterday published a poem accusing the White House of ignoring an American scientist in the sixth month of an anti-nuclear hunger strike (Reuter reports).

The poem said the protest by Mr Charles Hyder had met with "black silence" from the Reagan Administration even though he was on the verge of death.

Hungarians march for democracy

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

More than 2,000 Hungarians marched through Budapest yesterday to celebrate National Day and call for more democracy.

The march began spontaneously just after midday, when several hundred young Hungarians gathered round one of the most cherished monuments in Budapest, the statue of Sandor Petofi, Hungary's 19th-century revolutionary poet.

Hungarians of every conceivable background — including dissidents and survivors of the 1956 revolution — appeared; there were also punk rockers with their hair dyed in Hungary's national colours of red, white and green, and people dressed in the lavish hussar-style uniform which was the historical formal attire of the country. All without exception wore ribbons of the Hungarian flag. As they marched along the Danube they stopped at monuments erected at the places where Hungary's 1848 democratic revolutionaries were shot by the Austrians.

Here, though the police had gone to great pains to erect loudspeakers which would drown their speeches, the crowd cheered as Mr Gyorgy Gado, a dissident editor, addressed them.

He reminded them that the 1848 revolutionaries had demanded a free press and an independent government for Hungary, two things the country still did not possess.

There were roars of applause when he said he hoped it would one day be possible for them all to march to the grave of Imre Nagy, the executed Prime Minister, who had been at the centre of the 1956 uprising.

In contrast to last year's National Day, Budapest police heeded warnings to keep a low profile and avoid provocation or violence. At the end of last year's march, police and demonstrators had clashed on the Chain Bridge after the authorities arrested a young girl.

Yesterday, with very few uniformed police visible during the march, cooler heads prevailed.

By the time the marchers had passed the Foreign Ministry and reached Batthanyi Square by the late afternoon their numbers had dwindled, but there were still several hundred left to sing a resounding chorus of one of the 1848 revolutionary hymns. It was a poignant reminder to the authorities that, for many Hungarians, patriotism and liberty march hand in hand.

Thatcher may meet Sakharov

By Nicholas Beeston

Mrs Thatcher may meet at least one senior Soviet dissident, possibly the human rights campaigner, Dr Andrei Sakharov, during her visit to Moscow at the end of the month.

Although details of her trip have not yet been completed, it would be in keeping with British policy towards the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc countries for the Prime Minister to hold talks with dissident figures.

"It is an invariable rule for British ministers travelling abroad to hear a wide range of opinions in the country concerned. That goes for communist countries as much as for any others," a British diplomat said yesterday.

In past visits to the Eastern bloc, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, Mr Timothy Renton, have always made a point of holding talks with key dissident figures, but it is not thought that any appointments will be made without the tacit approval of the Soviet authorities.

Details of the Prime Minister's meetings are still being worked out by British diplomats in Moscow.

Hong Kong press to lobby Britain over laws said to restrict freedom

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

Severe tension has arisen between press circles and the British-dominated Hong Kong Government since the passage of a measure seen as restricting press freedom.

The Public Order Amendment Ordinance, which passed into law at the Legislative Council meeting on Wednesday, has been widely criticized for muzzling the press by putting the burden of proof on newspapers if they are accused of printing material regarded as likely to alarm the public.

Mr David Ford, the Chief Secretary of the Government, has denounced newspapers, lawyers and budding politicians for saying that the amendments will make it easier to silence press criticism not only now, but after 1997, when Hong Kong will become part of China.

Opponents of the new law have said it was published less than a week before it was debated and passed by a narrow margin. It puts the burden of proof on journalists who print news which the authorities say is inaccurate or prejudicial to public order to clear themselves of the charge. Local journalists say this will deprive them of the right to protect their sources.

A representative from the Hong Kong Journalists' Association will visit London soon to lobby for the law to be repealed, and a direct approach to the Queen is contemplated.

The Government's attitude, as explained by Mr Ford, is that many potentially repressive measures against the press have already been repealed, and that the amendments are aimed only at irresponsible journalism.

> ● Journalists will have to clear themselves of inaccuracy charges ●

Peking has promised that the territory will continue to enjoy a capitalist economic system and British-type laws for 50 years after 1997, but the recurrent political turmoil in China makes many people doubt that these promises can be honoured.

The best guarantees, it is widely recognized here, are the substantial foreign exchange earnings Peking gets from Hong Kong's dynamic economy and free trade system.

The bitter debate about press freedom will soon be tossed into the lap of Sir David Wilson, the Governor-designate. Some political activists here have suggested that Sir David should consider repealing the legislation in question, but this is highly unlikely.

The main spokesman for press freedom and other basic liberties in Hong Kong, now and in the future, is Mr Martin Lee, a local Chinese lawyer trained in Britain. Mr Lee has increasingly become an isolated opponent of the Government in the Legislative Council and has aroused the ire of Mr Ford, who resents being accused of backing oppressive measures.

The big problem is that the mass of Hong Kong people are not accustomed to making their views heard on political issues, especially since they may be called to account in 10 years' time if they have no way of emigrating.

US helicopters pluck 37 from Soviet ship

A US Coast Guard helicopter hovers over a Soviet cargo ship during rescue operations after the ship began to capsize in heavy seas 210 miles off the New Jersey coast at the weekend. American helicopters rescued all 37 people on board the Komsomolets Kirgizii (Charles Bremner writes from Washington).

A woman and a baby were plucked first from the deck of the Soviet ship, which sent an automatic distress signal after the vessel's engines failed.

It was listing heavily to port after a broadside battering from huge waves on Saturday.

Only one member of the crew was slightly injured, with a cut finger, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

The 37 were taken to a motel in a Philadelphia suburb before flying to Moscow from New York yesterday.

The ship, carrying a cargo of flour from Nova Scotia to Cuba, was presumed to have sunk.

Sri Lanka's civil war

Innocent die in shelling that never was

From Michael Hamlyn
Jaffna

As many as 20 innocent people died when mortars fell in the crowded streets of this northern city in Sri Lanka a week ago. The figure varies according to whom you talk, but the lowest figure is 20.

The shelling was the worst example of random civilian killing that Jaffna has experienced in the four-year-old civil war between separatists fighting for an independent Tamil state in the north and east of the country and the armed forces.

But a government communiqué from the media centre of the National Security Ministry insists that the shelling *did not happen.*

The communiqué issued last week refers to reports published in Indian newspapers and says firmly: "No such incidents of killing and damage to property took place on the date or dates mentioned. All the reports are figments of the minds of terrorist propagandists picked up by correspondents not always wedded to the balanced reporting of news."

Outside the Rajah cinema, a few hundred yards north of the main bazaar in Jaffna, the gate pillar is deeply pitted by shrapnel. The ground round the foot of the pillar is still blackened where a young man selling petrol in bottles was incinerated when the shells struck. Petrol is sold like this in Jaffna because a fuel embargo by the Government has reduced supplies drastically.

The shopfronts around are also pockmarked by pieces of flying metal. In the little hardware store owned by Mr Shabir Hussain across the road the floor is darkly stained with blood. Mr Shabir himself died. His brother lay on the floor with blood pouring from a wound in his leg, but he is alive in a Jaffna hospital.

Altogether eight Muslims died as a result of a conflict in which they took no part. The quarrel is between the ethnic Tamils, mainly Hindu, and the majority Sinhalese, mainly Buddhist.

The shelling began, the guerrillas admit, while they were firing mortars at the old Dutch fort by the sea front in Jaffna.

But they are adamant that they were not firing from anywhere near the cinema. "Our mortars are locally manufactured; they can't go that far," Mr Balasubramaniam Kanakaratnam, who is known as "Rahim," explained. He is the local spokesman for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the most powerful guerrilla group.

The cinema projectionist, hearing the shelling, stopped the picture and advised the audience to go home. They were caught densely packed in the open when three mortar bombs fell.

At the hospital quarter a mile away, they had problems of their own. "When I heard shells being fired I went to outpatients to see what was happening," Dr Sivakumar, the president of the Jaffna branch of the Government Medical Officers' Association, said. "There was a large number of people there, because visiting time had just ended. I told them to get right inside the building.

"It was just as well. After most of them had moved, a shell fell where they had been."

As it was, only one person died in the hospital blast, a volunteer social worker in the patients' welfare department.

By this time the whole hospital was in a panic, and then 50 patients arrived from the cinema blasts and "We ran out of blood," Dr Sivakumar said.

After half an hour volunteer blood donors began arriving at the hospital, "but by then it was too late for many."

People's anger at the bloodshed has combined with their feelings of undue persecution because of the fuel embargo and the cutting off of telecommunication links with the rest of the country. It has undone much of the work that certain elements within the armed forces have been attempting while trying to win Tamil hearts and minds.

"It has been a real setback," admitted one military man at Palaly camp, the biggest military installation in the Jaffna peninsula.

200,000 to flee Ukraine floods

Moscow (AP) — Record snowfalls in the Donetsk region of the Ukraine and continued cold temperatures have posed a danger of widespread flooding that will force the evacuation of about 200,000 people, *Komsomolskaya Pravda* reported.

Experts say about 280 square miles will be flooded with the belated spring thaw.

● Water safe: Radioactive contamination of water supplies around Chernobyl will not reach danger levels when snow starts to melt, Mr Konstantin Sytnik, vice-president of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, told *Pravda*.

Suicide bid

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Twenty-one people were hurt when a peasant woman tried to commit suicide by exploding a grenade in a railway station restaurant in north-west China.

Air born

Karachi (AFP) — Two air-hostesses and a steward delivered a girl born to a Pakistani woman on a Pakistan International Airlines flight between Karachi and Doha.

Iran warning

Ayatollah Khomeini, the Iranian leader, has warned the civilian and military hierarchy against discord within the nation. Tehran radio said in a broadcast monitored by the BBC in London.

Macao talks

Peking — The fourth, and possibly final, round of talks between Peking and Lisbon on the return of the Portuguese colony of Macao to China are expected to begin here on Wednesday, Portuguese Embassy officials said.

Finnish poll

Helsinki — Voting was slow yesterday on the first day of Finland's two-day general election. Results are expected late tonight.

Sinatra home

Palm Springs (AFP) — Frank Sinatra has left the Eisenhower Medical Centre here after surgery to remove scar tissue from an earlier abdominal operation.

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Agony of prison sentence without end for the 26 missing foreigners in Lebanon

Death threat by kidnappers marks grim anniversaries

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

The face of Jean-Louis Normandin in yesterday morning's Beirut newspapers symbolized all 26 foreigners missing in Lebanon.

The latest snapshot to be released by his kidnappers – announcing this time that his "trial" was under way and would be followed within 48 hours by his "execution" – showed that the French television engineer had had his hair cut. But he was staring into the camera with the same tired, questioning eyes that have appeared in other photographs of hostages.

They are all enduring a sentence without end. Mr Terry Anderson, the bureau chief of the Associated Press in Beirut, today celebrates, if such a word can be used of so melancholy an occasion, the second anniversary of his kidnapping.

Tomorrow it will be two months to the day since Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, who was trying to free Mr Anderson, disappeared.

For the most part, these Western captives have faded from the consciousness of the Lebanese as surely as they have vanished from sight.

Since Mr Waite drove off into the night of Tuesday, January 20, no snapshot of him has been released, not even a statement by those who must be holding him. Is he a hostage like the other foreigners held or simply, as one militia official put it, "in detention"?

None of those Lebanese leaders who have tried to help him appears to have the slightest idea.

That most of the 26 men are held in the southern Shia Muslim suburbs of west Beirut, into which the Syrians have not penetrated, is taken for granted. But there is growing uncertainty about Syria's enthusiasm to free the hostages in the near future.

France has appealed to the "Organization of Revolutionary Justice" to spare the life of the French hostage, M Jean-Louis Normandin (Susan MacDonald writes from Paris). The French Foreign Ministry statement came after the group holding M Normandin threatened to execute him in 48 hours.

A brief report in yesterday's issue of the Beirut daily newspaper *an-Nahar* suggested that the political alliance between Syria and Iran would begin to fall apart if M Normandin is murdered when the latest deadline of his kidnappers, who are thought to be pro-Iranian, expires later today.

The awesome gulf which divides the thinking and the power of Beirut's kidnappers and the governments they wish to influence was painfully illustrated at the weekend.

While the French Prime Minister's official spokesman, M Denis Baudouin, was making a formal appeal for the life of M Normandin, the captors were delivering to *an-Nahar* an ill-written and ungrammatical accusation of French Government betrayal and duplicity.

It was scribbled in Arabic on two sheets of school notepaper, apparently in great haste.

M Normandin, it said, had been "committed for trial" and his kidnappers, the so-called "Revolutionary Justice Organization", would "hand down the just sentence to execute him within 48 hours of the completion of his trial".

The French Government had sometimes demanded "to trade the hostages for money and sometimes for arms, industrial and econmomic projects . . . We have reached agreements and commitments when progress was achieved in the negotiations and implementation had begun. But plenty of time has since been lost by endless efforts to wake French officials out of their grandiose dreams – dreams that France is still a superpower".

The crude pseudo-legal phrasing of the statement and the awful pressure placed upon M Normandin's family – the statement is in effect a postponement of an earlier 48-hour deadline to kill him – is typical of so many communiqués from at least five different groups of kidnappers here over the past three years.

One of the Americans kidnapped is believed to have been murdered, while one of the French and one of the Britons – Mr Alec Collett, a journalist working for the United Nations – were said by their captors to have been killed.

Journalists, writers, priests, academics, doctors and businessmen have been included among the 72 foreigners kidnapped here over the past three years.

That reporters should have lost their immunity in Lebanon virtually destroyed the press corps in Beirut.

Mr Terry Anderson is the most prominent reporter still in the hands of kidnappers. A captive of the pro-Iranian "Islamic Jihad" organization, he has never seen his baby daughter and is still thought to be unaware that his brother and father have both died during his captivity.

M Normandin was a member of a French Antenne-2 television crew kidnapped in Beirut a year ago. Other journalists still held include Mr John McCarthy, a cameraman for Worldwide Television (British), M Jean-Paul Kauffmann of the French magazine *L'Evénement du Jeudi*, and M Roger Auque, who is a French freelance photographer.

M Jean-Louis Normandin, above, in a photograph sent to a Beirut newspaper. Other victims, clockwise from top, are Mr Terry Anderson, Mr John McCarthy, Mr Joseph Cicippio and Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy.

The victims of Beirut's civil war turmoil

American:

William Buckley, kidnapped on March 16, 1984: American Embassy political officer in Beirut. "Islamic Jihad" claimed to have killed him.

Terry Anderson, March 16, 85: Beirut bureau chief of Associated Press.

Thomas Sutherland, June 9, 85: the dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut (AUB).

Frank Reed, Sept 9, 86: the director of the Lebanon International School in Beirut.

Joseph Cicippio, Sept 12, 86: comptroller of the AUB.

Edward Tracy, Oct 21, 86: author of children's books.

Jesse Turner, Jan 24, 87: visiting professor of mathematics and computer science at Beirut University College (BUC).

Robert Polhill, Jan 24, 87: assistant professor of business at BUC.

Alan Steen, Jan 24, 87: journalism professor at BUC.

French

Marcel Fontaine, March 22, 85: French Embassy Vice-Consul.

Marcel Carton, March 22, 85: French Embassy protocol officer.

Michel Seurat, May 22, 85: researcher at the French Centre for Studies and Research of the Contemporary Middle East. "Islamic Jihad" later claimed they had killed him.

Jean-Paul Kauffmann, May 22, 85: journalist for French weekly *L'Evénement du Jeudi*.

Jean-Louis Normandin, March 8, 86: Antenne-2 television lighting engineer.

Roger Auque, Jan 13, 87: freelance journalist.

British

Alec Collett, March 25, 85: writer working with United Nations, "Revolutionary Organization of Socialist Muslims" later claimed to have murdered him.

John McCarthy, April 17, 86: cameraman for Worldwide Television.

Terry Waite, Jan 20, 87: the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy.

West German

Rudolf Cordes, Jan 17, 87: businessman with Hoechst.

Alfred Schmidt, Jan 20, 87: engineer with Siemens.

Saudi Arabian

Bakr Damanhouri, Jan 12, 87: cultural section of Saudi Arabian Embassy.

Khaled Dee, Jan 26, 87: Saudi national (employment unknown).

Indian

Mithileswar Singh, Jan 24, 87: visiting professor of finance at BUC.

Irish

Brian Keenan, April 11, 86: teacher at AUB.

Italian

Alberto Molinari, Sept 11, 85: businessman.

South Korean

Do Chae-Sung, Jan 31, 86: Second Secretary at South Korean Embassy.

Kenyan leader's Western tour

Diplomatic flop for Moi in US

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya left here on Saturday night after a visit which had turned into something of a diplomatic disaster.

Throughout the week he came under attack from members of Congress and the press, and was even given a forthright warning by President Reagan about maintaining high standards on human rights.

The Kenyan President cancelled a planned meeting in New York with Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, Secretary General of the United Nations, without explanation, but it is assumed it was because he was so angry about the reception he received in closed-door sessions with Administration officials.

The atmosphere was made even more uncomfortable by front-page newspaper accounts of the alleged use of torture by Kenyan police.

In briefings to journalists before the visit began a week ago, Administration officials said the trip was intended to underscore the importance which Washington attaches to its Kenyan ties.

But on Friday the State Department took the unusual step of issuing a statement expressing concern about allegations of police torture

Several members of Congress also criticized Kenya's human rights record during President Moi's visit. Earlier this year a congressional delegation to Kenya was refused permission to meet human rights activists.

● London talks: President Moi will hold talks with the Queen and Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, today during a two-day visit that is expected to run more smoothly (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Although it was not clear what topics would be discussed between the Prime Minister and President Moi, it was thought unlikely that Britain would touch on any sensitive issues.

President Moi will not be meeting any Foreign Office ministers, but will be holding talks with Mr Christopher Patten, the Minister for Overseas Development.

Armed bandits have ambushed a crowded country bus on a lonely road in Eastern Kenya, killing 12 passengers and wounding at least another 26 (Alastair Matheson reports from Nairobi).

Survivors, who waited five hours for help, said that at least five bandits, who resembled Somalis, sprayed bullets at point-blank range and then made off with money and valuables.

Mombasa promises to drive out the Mafia

Nairobi – Mr Shariff Nassir, the Mombasa branch chairman of the ruling political party, Kanu, has pledged to rid Kenya's coastal resorts of Mafia gangsters (Alastair Matheson writes).

His threat to use party members and security forces in a "manhunt" for Mafia criminals operating in Mombasa hotels and casinos follows last week's revelation at the Mafia trial in London that Mombasa was an important link in the Mafia's worldwide money-laundering process.

A photograph showing Francesco di Carlo and his Thai mistress relaxing on a beach, which British investigators seized during a raid on di Carlo's English mansion, turned out to have been taken on the beach of a Mombasa hotel.

This led British and Italian investigators to Kenya, where they discovered that some Mombasa hotels and casinos were being used for laundering the Mafia's "hot" money and investing it in respectable resort hotels.

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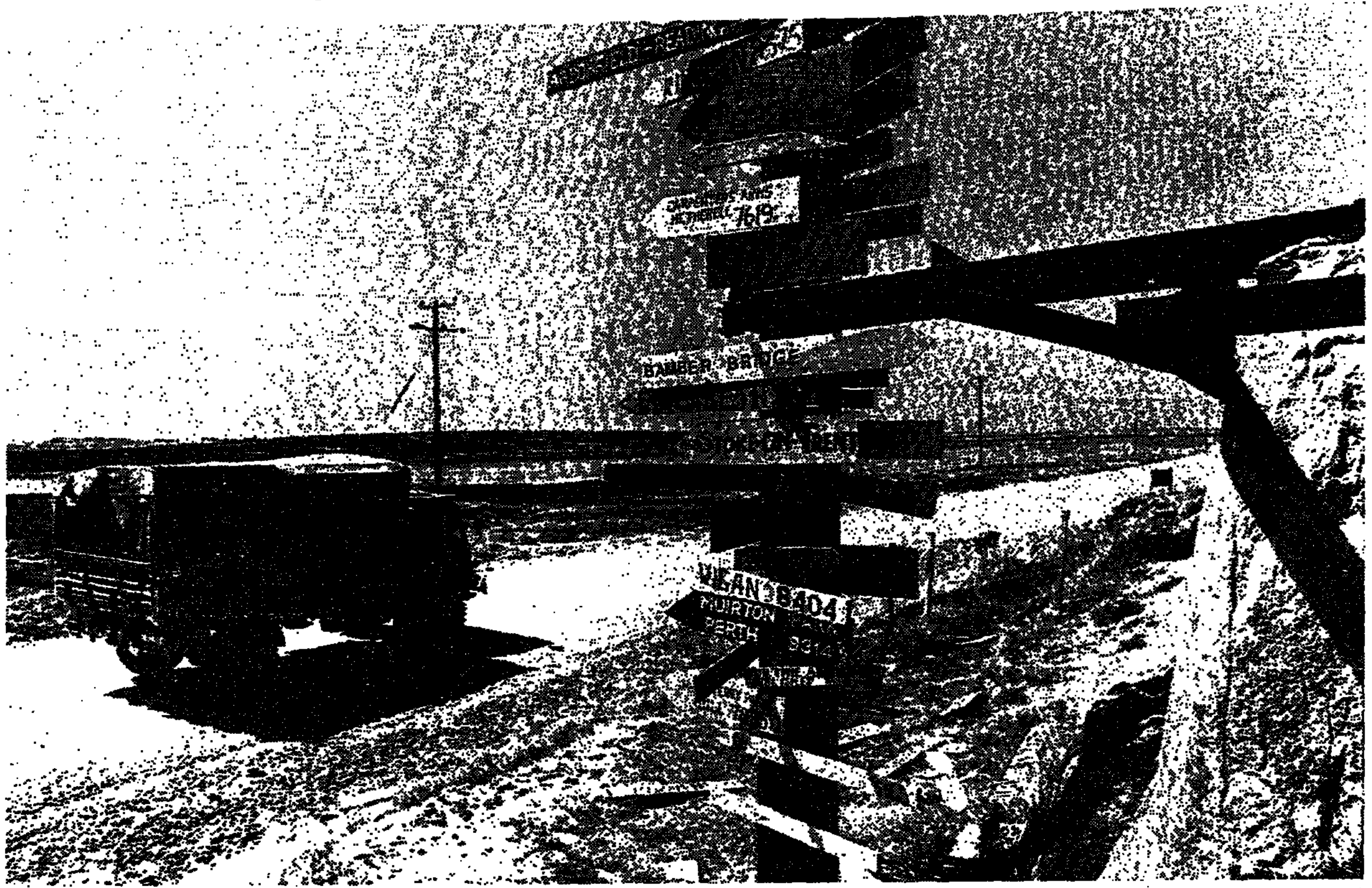
To the victims, the spoils of war

FIVE YEARS ON

Part 1: Invaded by the 20th century

In 1982, a group of windblown islands in the South Atlantic sprang from obscurity into the world's headlines. In the first of a three-part series, **Alan Franks** reports on how the Falklands conflict changed the islands – and islanders



Graham Wood

Show me the way to go home: on the outskirts of Port Stanley, capital of the Falklands, a signpost to remind soldiers of the British Task Force just how far they had travelled

The south London constituency of Mitcham and Morden is a far from the Falkland Islands – 8,000 miles, to be precise. Yet five years ago this month, when the Argentinian scrap metal merchants landed on the desolate British possession of South Georgia in the South Atlantic, the destiny of these two disparate locations became peculiarly intertwined.

At that time the south London seat was held for Labour by Bruce Douglas-Mann. During the spring of 1982, when Douglas-Mann decided to resign his seat and re-stand as the SDP candidate, all seemed safe; opinion polls had the SDP ahead of Labour, with the Conservatives trailing in third place.

By polling day in June of that year, everything had changed. The Conservatives' Angela Rumbold sailed into the Commons with 42.7 per cent of the votes, ahead of Labour's David Nicholas (28.8 per cent), and Douglas-Mann, with 27.4 per cent.

The story of this reverse is worth recalling in such local detail for the simple reason that it was the Falklands War – or rather Mrs Thatcher's role in its prosecution – which, more than any other single factor, altered the electoral course, not only of Mitcham and Morden, but of the entire country at the following year's general election.

Yet now, five years later, the islands have all but reverted to their old obscurity. They remain the same remote, sheep-dependent community they always were. The capital, Port Stanley, which houses the bulk of the population, still resembles a slightly neglected fishing settlement. Many of the corrugated iron houses look sadly in want of paint; and in the outback (or Camp, from the Spanish *campo* – "field") the farmers continue their old self-sufficient and private way of life, many eschewing the "metropolis" of Stanley for years on end.

Yet beneath the surface lie alterations so far-reaching as to suggest that the lives of the 1,919 Falklanders will never be quite the same again. Shortly before the conflict, when Nicholas Ridley, then Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, travelled to the islands to discuss their future with the inhabitants, it was estimated that as many as 25 per cent, while intensely pro-British, would not be entirely opposed to some form of long-term accommodation with Buenos Aires.

Quite what the terms of such an arrangement would be was never precisely declared, but one possibility was that it would entail a "leaseback" to Argentina, over a period of anything between 20 and 100 years. Since the conflict (the islanders still tend to skirt around the word "war"), all that has changed, and perhaps irrevocably. It is now impossible to find a single Falklander who will countenance any solution which entails Argentine involvement.

According to members of a Stanley-based association of islanders, the reason for this new hard line is the enduring sense of shock and outrage at General Galtieri's invasion. "We were appalled and disgusted," says one third-generation islander. "They told us that there would be no threat to our way of life. But what did they do when they arrived? They changed the names of the settlements and told us we must drive on the right. How are they to be trusted?"

The rubble of war still litters the place. Out in the Camp the minefields remain, cordoned off behind barbed wire fences, while in Stanley itself the military presence has only now finally moved to the garrison at Mount Pleasant, 30 miles away.

Yet there have been tangible benefits: in the wake of the war, the Government made a development grant to the islands of £31 million over five years. The result has been a vast improvement in drainage, roads and communications. In three years' time it is expected that the existing telephone system – a radio link in which everyone can hear everyone else's conversations – will be replaced by a modern cellular system. Add to that the arrival of the new hospital in Stanley, and the imminent invasion of television and there is almost enough evidence to conclude that the islands are being pulled, and not unwillingly, into the latter part of the 20th century.

There are two other recent – and vital – factors in this evolution: first, the carving up of many of the large old farming estates – the "subdivision" advocated by the prescient Lord Shackleton in his two reports on the islands' economy in 1976 and 1982. Secondly, there is the potential doubling of the islands' present £4 million income through the granting of 217 licences to foreign vessels to fish in the 200-mile zone established by the British Government at the end of last year.

Subdivision has had an important social, as well as economic, impact, for it has meant that sheep farmers, for generations employed on the land of absentee owners (in particular the Falkland Islands Company, a subsidiary of Coalite) are now being offered the rights of purchase through the Falkland Islands Development Corporation.

In July 1986, a survey published by the Overseas Development Administration demonstrated not only that many farms bought since the implementation of subdivision six years ago showed an improvement in productivity of up to 50 per cent, but also that the creation of 36 new farm units accounted for a redistribution of more than a sixth of the land farmed.

Simon Armstrong, head of the FIDC, says, "There was a time when an islander, possibly a descendant of three generations, could have left the place, after a lifetime's farming, with no more money or possessions than his great grandfather had had a century before him. He could have fitted everything he owned in a suitcase.

"This is no longer the case. Today it is possible, and becoming more so all the time, for the farmers to have a genuine stake in their community."

But it is the granting of fishing rights, even more than subdivision, which seems set to alter the face of the economy. That estimate of £4 million profit is a catholic one, and takes into account the heavy cost of policing the zone with a light aircraft and two converted trawlers.

Yet throughout these prospects of change, many of the islanders seem strangely apologetic, even guilty, about the continuing expenditure they are causing the British taxpayer. There is also a degree of "ostrichism" about what might happen if a government of a stripe other than Mrs Thatcher's comes to power.

While she remains in the eyes of the Argentines the unmoveable, non-negotiating *Senora No*, she has become almost canonized by the Falklanders, few of whom bother to contemplate the possibility that it might have been her Government's actions – notably the diminution of British citizenship rights and the withdrawal of the patrol vessel HMS Endurance – which signalled to Galtieri that the Malvinas were at last there for the taking.

That sense of guilt, of being an unpopular drain on British resources, is roundly refuted by Alastair Cameron, the Falkland Islands' representative in London. He is a young, impassioned and highly articulate "kelper" (native of the islands) whose grandfather emigrated to the islands late in the last century. "People in this country keep talking about the huge costs of the islands," he says. "I think it is time we started to look at them in comparison with our other defence commitments, Belize for example. The figure for defending the Falklands is down to £140 million for the year 1988-89. I don't think many people appreciate the fact that this is less than one per cent – 0.6 in fact – of Britain's total defence budget."

'I counted them out and I counted them back'

Lord Carrington Foreign Secretary, accepted blame for Britain's failure to foresee invasion and resigned; now Secretary-General of Nato.

Sir John Nott Secretary of State for Defence during the war. Retired from politics in 1983, now chairman and chief executive of Lazard Brothers.

Tam Dalyell Labour MP for Linlithgow, sacked from the Opposition's front bench team for opposing the shadow cabinet's support of the task force.

Lieut-General Leopoldo Galtieri President of Argentina when the islands were seized; convicted last spring for conduct of the campaign.

Dr Costa Mendez Head of Argentinian delegations to the United Nations during the war. Now in semi-retirement in Argentina.

Sir Rex Hunt As Governor, announced the surrender of the islands after the invasion; in retirement since 1985 and leading pro-Falklands campaigner.

Vice-Admiral Sir John "Sandy" Woodward Senior Task Group Commander during the campaign; now Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

Major-General Sir Jeremy Moore Put in charge of all land forces after the British landing on the islands; retired from the MoD in 1983.

Brian Hanrahan BBC reporter whose phrase "I counted them all out and I counted them all back" caught public imagination; now the BBC's man in Moscow.

Ian Macdonald Spokesman for the Ministry of Defence whose bulletins became a feature of the evening news during the war; still an MoD administrator.

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But now they've gone beyond trying to be some sort of British *gîte* system. They're bringing their own educational expertise and the assets of surrounding regions into play to provide a new sort of holiday. Manchester University are offering "Relax & Learn" weekends for the first time, which will include all meals, accommodation, and coach transport on a number of themes.

What Manchester Thinks Today, for instance, is a weekend offering Jodrell Bank, computer history at the Institute of Science and Technology, and pilots of the past and future, at the Air and Space Museum; *How the Other Half Lived* contrasts the 19th-century lifestyles of the industrial gentry and the Lancashire cotton workers.

Heriot Watt University has its loch-side Riccarton Campus accommodation seven miles out of Edinburgh in the dramatic Pentland Hills. They have offered holiday flats for some years, but in October open new facilities in a £3 million development available all through the year. They are working on a programme of speciality weekends based on the accommodation including tours round the city's features. Prices will be "competitive with" – lower than – the Edinburgh hotels', and they expect to be sold out during the Edinburgh Festival in August. Hull is not the first name on anybody's vacation list, but the university there is trying to change that with its "activity holidays." Providing half-board accommodation, meals, and transport, the *Four Minsters* weekend (Howden, Beverly, York, and Lincoln Cathedral) includes dinner on a Pullman train through the Yorkshire Moors; *Heritage* has Fountains Abbey and a candlelit dinner at a Tudor mansion; *Museums* has Castle "Brideshead" Howard included; and the *Activity* activity holiday has everything from first-time parachuting to windsurfing.

One of the pioneers of campus holidays has been Warwick University in Coventry, a founder member of BUAC. David Wilson, the residences manager who is a Fellow of the Hotel and Catering Industry Management Association. "We have been going since they started three years ago, but it takes at least three years for the agencies to realize that you mean business. This time they should get the message," says Wilson, who now has the purpose-built year-round Radcliffe House to offer. "Last year we topped £1½ million from conferences and holidays: people come back from year to year, and some tour the country staying at different campuses." Nor are they all adventurous Britons – "we seem to be turning the tables on traditional venues: we get a lot from Holland and Spain."

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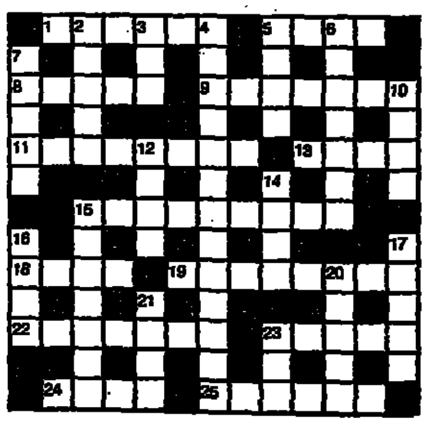

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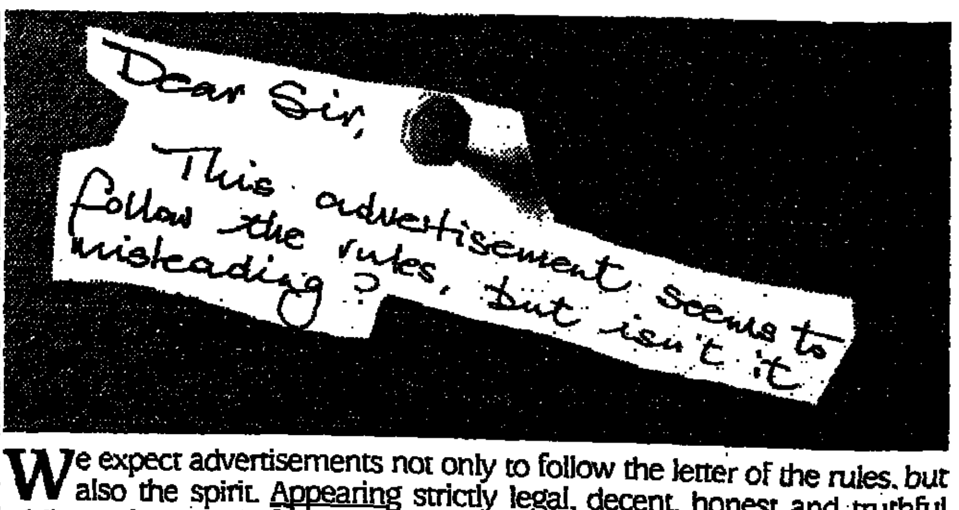

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Widows work wonders

Some of the most successful small businesses in Britain are run by women who have taken over their husbands' companies, or started up on their own in later life. **Julia Orange** meets some of the new breed of entrepreneurs

Pat Timmons

"I was crying, and I remember my daughter's headmistress saying: 'Time is a great healer, dear.' I wanted to scream. It sounded so trite. She was right in a way, but when you've lost your husband . . . There's nothing like work for paying the bills."

Gilly Goschen was 40 when her husband David drowned in a sailing accident. They were on a family holiday in France. Overnight, and with virtually no experience, she took over her husband's job as owner and managing director of their Florian Studios in Dorset — a company which produces high quality, hand-decorated tiles.

"We've had dreadful panics," she says. "I didn't even know how the kilns worked when I took over. Financially it's still a struggle — but the decision to keep going was one of the best I ever made. In the early days when all I wanted was to put my head under a pillow and cry, it got me out of the house, meeting people. It's given us a livelihood, a sense of continuity and for me the deep pleasure of knowing David worked so hard to set up this company, and I haven't given up."

The surprising statistic that one in eight of Britain's small businesses is run by widows, emerged in a recent survey undertaken by the Small Business Research Trust. Jim Curran, one of the report's authors and a sociologist from Kingston Polytechnic says he was "frankly amazed to find the figures so high. We imagined a high proportion of the women might be single or divorced, but I don't think anyone thought much about widows one way or the other." Yet in 1985, out of the 23,849,000 women in England and Wales, 2,946,000 were widows — nearly a quarter of them under 65.

Being overlooked is not a new experience for widows. The very classification defines you by the man you are without, rather as than the woman you are. But does the small business survey statistic herald a race of super widows? Hardly. The figure blurs a starker reality: for a woman in her fifties or sixties, self-employment may be the only option.

It's not an easy one. But Zena Noran, who is a businesswoman and widow working for Cruse (an organization which counsels the recently bereaved), believes that self-employment is one of the most positive choices for a widow. "You see yourself as a person stripped bare and out in the cold. Money is not the answer — some of the saddest people I know are rich widows endlessly cruising the world. The lucky ones are those who grit their teeth and jump into life again."

And by doing so, many are surprised to discover hidden strengths and skills. Three and a half years ago, the day after her husband Laurie died suddenly of cancer at the age of 53, Elizabeth Sleighthomes took over his company, L.H. Sleightholmes of north Yorkshire, which sells agricultural buildings and organizes electrical works for piggeries. She was 46 years old at the time of her husband's death. "One week before my husband died, we had a very emotional conversation in which he said, 'I think you'll be able to carry on.' I didn't tell him I had already decided to." She started work the day after he died and found the transition, from being boss's wife to boss, a difficult one. "This is very much a man's job in a man's place. For a very long time, although the staff were supportive, customers didn't want to know me."

Dr Robert Goffee, senior lecturer at the London Business School and author of *Women in Charge* (published by Allen & Unwin), thinks widows who have the energy and the inclination to work have several advantages over married and single women: "Often they have raised their families, have put husbands and children first; and now they can make work their top priority."

For those with no experience there are a number of sources of free advice: the local Enterprise Agency (300 branches throughout the United Kingdom) provides training programmes for businesses; the Small Firms Service (operated by the Department of Employment) offers a free advisory service.

‘Without work I might have gone to pieces. To be widowed is a horrendous experience’

ELIZABETH BRADLEY

Elizabeth Bradley, who has been widowed twice — once in her thirties and the second time in her forties — was well prepared in this respect. She had worked on and off between her two marriages. Following "a dreadful period of depression after my second husband died — I felt I had nothing to get up for, no purpose, no direction," she did voluntary work. Then she took a careful look around the Dorset town of Sherborne for gaps in the market. She and her partner, Dorothy Phelas, came up with the idea of a shop selling needlework and tapestry materials.

"We dipped a small toe in the water by opening a shop so tiny that there was only room for one of us plus a few customers. We worked three days a week each."

Eighteen months ago when the lease became available on one of the most beautiful high street shops in Sherborne, they approached the bank for development loans. "And if they thought of patronizing us, it was shortlived. We were very well prepared."

Their new premises, the Sherborne Tapestry Centre now employs 10 part-time outworkers. Takings have more than tripled since their first year in business. The drawback, says Mrs Bradley, is weariness: "one is giving oneself all day, and so there is not much time left over for a social life and no time for jaunts." But, she says, "without work I think I might have gone to pieces. To be widowed is a horrendous experience. Although friends are tremendous, people have their own lives and children to worry about, and have a far greater respect if you are seen to help yourself. I do have fears for the future — one can't keep up this pace indefinitely — but I am enjoying the present tremendously."

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Out of the cot, into battle

London's fee-paying prep schools are so over-subscribed that anxious parents are registering babies

Competition for places at London's top fee-paying junior schools is so fierce these days that more and more are selecting their pupils by assessment — sometimes at the age of three, one year before they are due to start. "I thought we were choosing the school," commented one father. "But now I see it's the other way round."

The reasons for the current pressure are disillusionment with the state system, fewer people with young families moving out of London and the shortage of good schools in the capital.

Girls, not boys (except at mixed junior schools), are the ones who face tests at a very young age. Entrance examinations are difficult and highly competitive (four girls competing for one place is normal); boys' private primary schools, including Wetherby's, Prince William's school, take children aged five (or younger) until they are eight, their biggest hurdle comes at 13, when they take Common Entrance exams.

Distressed parents tell tales of daughters' rejection: "I rang up the headmistress, and said, 'Look, we're both graduates, she *must* be intelligent, couldn't you look again?' "

School heads agree that dealing with indignant parents is by far the most difficult part of choosing children. But no amount of money, or having the right name is going to help. So what are schools looking for, and how do they go about their tests? Some assess by observation at group sessions, others through stringent individual tests (toughest at Kensington Prep and Falkner House). School staff are, by and large, the assessors.

Falkner House brings in an educational child psychologist who tests each child (late in the Spring term before entry in September), and sets much store by how articulate a girl is. Sometimes, at Thomas's, for example, the child's reluctance to leave a parent is noted — "but doesn't necessarily count against them".

At respected Kensington Prep, would-be pupils are tested individually (in the first six months of the year *prior* to entry) for half an hour. Usually 40 girls are sifted out of 127 for further assessment in groups. Early testing is standard practice at all GPDST (Girls' Public Day Schools Trust) schools, of which Kensington Prep is one.

According to Miss Nelson, the headmistress, children are gauged on oral memory, visual memory, concentration co-operation, independence, initiative, response, a little manual control and number sense. Most important are how fluently the child speaks, vocabulary tests and word association. Shyness doesn't necessarily rule a child out. "I had one girl who never spoke. But I remember thinking she was a real Girton type, and we took her," Miss Nelson says.

Parents initially pay a registration fee of between £10 and £40, and sometimes a fee "to cover costs of testing". Early registration is what counts at some schools, among them Lady Eden's and Norland Place: "People ring up literally from the hospital," report both schools. Some parents tell tales of queue-jumping by using amniocentesis results to register a boy or girl. Norlands, a mixed school, have a system of registration after birth but are aware that it is still open to abuse by over-anxious parents.

Never mind mother, phone up Francis Holland and reserve a place!

St Paul's Junior School has its own method: the child is registered in the January of the year when it will be three, and selection is made by a lucky dip opening of envelopes a year ahead of the child's entry, as the headmistress feels that it is "far too young to test".

The list of those who do not assess or test is a short one (and dwindling); it includes Hill House, Sarum Hall, Pembridge Hall, the Unicorn, Twickenham Prep, Hampshire School and The Vale. Cynics are quick to point out that teaching children of above average intelligence is far less demanding for staff. "Of course, it's unfair, to pick on ability, or by date of registration," says Mrs Nunes, principal of Falkner House. "But to take mixed ability we would have to double our numbers, and we are unable to do so."

It is a situation about which neither schools nor parents are happy. By and large, the only ones who take it in their stride are the children.

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Clothed uniformly

PENNY PERRICK

In the debate about whether women should be admitted to the priesthood, very little was made of the fact that recruitment of male candidates to the cloth wasn't exactly soaring.

Similarly, when the Royal Ulster Constabulary proclaimed, as it did last week, that there will now be no distinction made in the training of men and women, one jumps to the conclusion that the RUC is finding it difficult to attract enough chaps.

Jobs for the girls are expanding greatly, it is true, but very often they are in areas that are no longer considered very alluring as jobs for the boys.

As is the way with most ill winds, quite a lot of good is about to blow around the place. Community care is something that women have long provided — community care being a euphemism for when a frail and incontinent old lady is discharged from a geriatric ward and handed over to her already overworked, middle-aged daughter. Since women are well practised as minders, the police force and the priesthood can only benefit by allowing women to get a salary and a uniform for performing the sort of duties that they have always done unsung and unpaid.

A woman registrar I know would go further: she says that her profession should be all-female, since registrars are only called upon during times of emotional stress. Women, she claims, are more sympathetic towards snivelling brides and parents who can't decide whether to call the baby Maggie or Edwina.

What one should be asking oneself is why, when women are clamouring to do a man's job, men aren't fighting to do a woman's one? It is not often that one bumps into a male secretary, nurse or infant school teacher, although there is no reason why men can't handle a word processor, hoist a bedridden patient into a sitting position or keep a bunch of four-year-olds in order.

With a respectful bow to those boys whose life's ambition is to hand out duty-free Chanel No 5 on Dan Air planes, most men don't want to do anything that has a service clause attached.

Should women beware of entering a professional field which suddenly and suspiciously makes room at the top for them? I think not. They should go right in and make waves. This is easy enough to say, but I know that were I to be offered the job of chief executive of a major industry, all I would feel would be deep unease. And a conviction that the power and authority which until my appointment had been invested in the job, had been secretly transferred to somebody else, somebody who was very unlikely to be a woman.

Caught out at court

Vexatious litigants may have more of a problem after a case than before it

The singer Dorothy Squires, who was declared a vexatious litigant in the High Court this month, has vowed to fight the decision through the Court of Appeal, the House of Lords and the European Court of Justice. Well, she would, wouldn't she?

The ex-wife of the actor Roger Moore, described in court as having developed a "voracious appetite" for litigation after winning a £30,000 libel action against the *News of the World* in 1981, does seem to make rather a meal of it. She has started 20 lawsuits in the last five years — nine of them struck out because they were frivolous, vexatious or failed to disclose any reasonable cause of action.

Squires's name joins a list of some 70 writ-happy citizens who have been forbidden to start any further legal proceedings without special consent of the court. Simon William Peel Fletcher, father of the actress Susannah York, was declared a vexatious litigant in 1983 after more than 20 court applications. His 40-year battle to win compensation for five companies taken over by the Ministry of Supply during the War has cost him his career, his second marriage and his home.

Most of these haunters of the courts have a burning and all-consuming sense of grievance over a particular wrong, real or imagined. Mr Justice Mann said that he had no doubt that Squires's flood of litigation was fuelled by her victory against the *News of the World*, together with her belief in a conspiracy to prevent publication of her autobiography, and by the appearance of a book about her ex-husband. Last month a High Court judge ruled that the Roger Moore book, which Squires claimed made her out to be a "dragon of a woman", was not libellous.

Why do some people become obsessive about litigation? They get power: Dr Michael Rowlands, a psychiatrist at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London currently engaged in the first study of vexatious litigants, believes that "it becomes an interest, a passion. It produces a positive benefit for them." He expects that his study, still in the early stages, will show that perhaps two out of three vexatious litigants are mentally ill. "It's something which usually starts in middle age. Some of these people have sensitive personalities, and will turn a key experience into a passion.

"They're clever people. They'll issue writs in different names to get past the court; or if their faces are recognized in the Law Courts in London, they'll go to Manchester where there's a branch of the High Court. Often, they'll get another member of the family to go into court on their behalf: so there are a lot of husbands and wives and brothers and sisters on the list of vexatious litigants."

Will they respond to treatment? Dr Rowlands hopes his study will provide the answer. "They're likely to be frightened people underneath: and unlikely to accept that they need help. But if the research shows that they would respond to treatment, then the court rules could be changed to allow judges to refer them for psychiatric examination."

Clare Dyer

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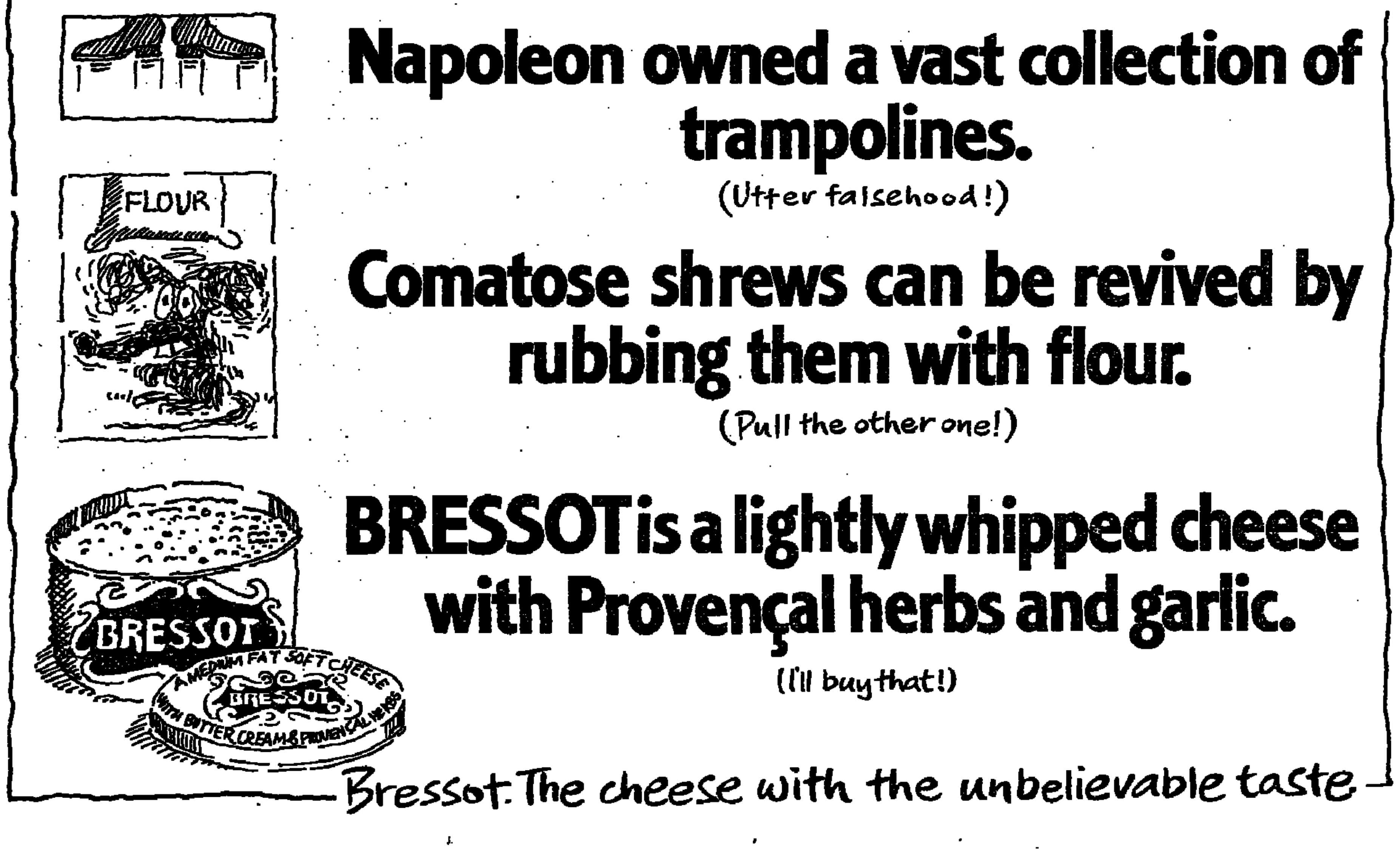

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Not quite above board

Labour is considering suing a firm of estate agents for advising clients to sell investment property lest the party win power. A letter from Druce and Company in west London warned that, although the market was still rising despite "the political uncertainty and the possibility of a Labour Party being elected to the next Parliament", the boom could not last much longer. The company went on wrongly to say that Labour was proposing to abolish tax relief on mortages. Labour's director of communications, Peter Mandelson, yesterday accused the company of trying to make a quick profit out of sneering at the party. "The letter exposes Druce and Company to a rather hefty legal action by totally misrepresenting Labour policy," he said. "We find it rather shocking that a reputable estate agent should embark on such an exercise". He would not be drawn on any political motivation behind the letter: "That is for us to suspect and them to know."

● After their bean casserole suppers, vegetarians in the US have taken to brushing their gnashers with preservative-free toothpastes, among them a clay, seaweed and herb paste with the consistency of crushed avocado.

Opening wide

Labour peer Lord Northfield, adviser to the pharmaceutical giant Merck, Sharp and Dohme, is still clinging to his bill which would allow drug companies to make more money out of branded medicines. He was forced to abandon the committee stage of his private measure, which enjoys some Tory support, when fellow peers declined to provide a quorum. The whips of all parties fervently prayed that was the last they would see of it. And with Lord McIntosh, Labour's front bench spokesman, saying the bill "stinks", Northfield himself knew that he had little chance of getting any further. But McIntosh is now in China and the bill has appeared on Thursday's order paper — much to the embarrassment of his Labour colleagues, who believe it could add millions to the NHS drugs bill.

Esteemed up

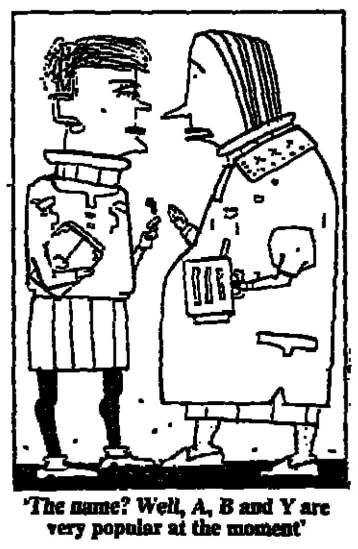
California is putting $375,000 towards bolstering its citizens' personal pride. The California Task Force to Promote Self Esteem and Personal and Social Responsibility is thought to represent the first attempt by any US state to make people feel better about themselves — or, as they put it, make them become "more positively mainstreamed into life". I can think of one former state governor who might take advantage.

● Half of London has now told me that we beat New York to putting up "Don't even think about parking here" signs. The legend has been posted at the back of the Army & Navy stores in Victoria for a year at least.

Not so green

Awkward questions about the private lives of MPs are nothing new, judging by a history of the Conservative 1900 Club by Ronald Warlow, just published. Warlow describes a member's reaction in 1946 on discovering press cuttings in the club's archives describing a dinner in 1907. Learning that 300 bottles of *crème de menthe* were consumed, he observed that the guests must have taken their girl friends rather than their wives.

BARRY FANTONI



'The name? Well, A, B and Y are very popular at the moment'

New town blues

Brian Tesler, managing director of London Weekend Television, has proferred grovelling apologies to the burghers of Harlow new town over an edition of LWT's *Six O'Clock Show*, made there in response to IBA criticism of its regional coverage. Instead of entering into the spirit of Harlow's recent 40th anniversary celebrations, the production team corruscated the place: Danny Baker suggested that the only weekend events for its 75,000 inhabitants were three jumble sales, while co-presenter Emma Freud pointed to a traffic light and quipped that the high spot of Harlow's day was to watch it change. Tesler, in a letter to the local council, admitted to errors of judgement and said he was shocked and deeply sorry about the angry reaction: "I hope you will accept our unreserved apologies."

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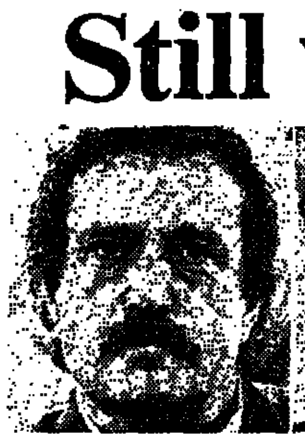
Still waiting for real reform



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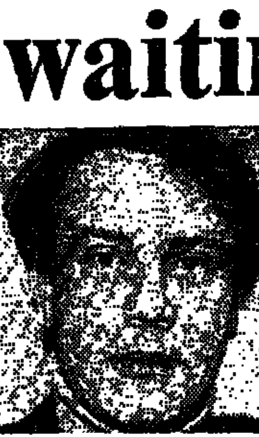

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In this article for The Times, ten Soviet dissidents — five are pictured above — claim that Gorbachov's changes are cosmetic and argue that only abandonment of communist dogma can set their fellow citizens free

Are Gorbachov's new policies the turning point we have been praying for, signalling the end of oppression and misery in the Soviet Union? Or are they a mere tactical retreat before the next offensive, as Lenin put it in 1921?

The release of a number of human rights activists from *prison*, labour camps and exile during the past year is a welcome gesture but appears calculated to make a maximum public impression with minimum concessions. If the Kremlin is really undergoing a change of heart, why not declare a general amnesty for all prisoners of conscience? We still await a clear condemnation of the criminal use of psychiatry against dissidents. We have seen no progress on emigration.

The Soviet leaders say they want to end the war in Afghanistan. If so, why not simply withdraw their troops? If the purpose of delay is to leave behind a stable government, why not allow free and fair elections under strict international supervision? We can only conclude that all they really want is the *appearance* of leaving Afghanistan.

Most puzzling of all is the new policy of glasnost, or openness. Many are bewildered to read in *Pravda* the very criticisms of Soviet reality that only a few years ago would have been branded as "anti-Soviet slander". But, to some extent, this policy makes a virtue of necessity: it has become senseless for the Kremlin to maintain a huge and costly internal propaganda machine whose products are believed by few.

Real glasnost would involve genuine public debate in which all could take part without fear of punishment. Instead the party maintains its monopoly on the truth, the order being that for the moment truth must be critical of the regime. Such an order could be countermanded tomorrow.

Consider the posthumous "rehabilitation" of a few prominent Russian writers, such as Gumilev and Nabokov. We note that the privilege of rehabilitation seems to be conferred exclusively on the dead, who are guaranteed not to say or do anything unexpected; moreover, many other dead writers still await their turn.

The invitations to a few prominent emigrès to return home, the past "forgotten", is said to betoken a new cultural freedom. Were Soviet audiences allowed to choose for themselves, emigré artists and writers would require no back-door negotiations with the authorities. One might forget the past, but how can anyone forget the continuing omnipresent party control — especially after tasting freedom in the West?

Finally, suppose that Gorbachov's most daring suggestion to date — freer elections within the party — were to be *implemented*. Such a great leap forward would merely *assure* the Soviet people what the blacks now enjoy in *South Africa; 7 per cent of the* populations would hold "free" *elections for themselves.*

Are we so accustomed to Soviet repression that the slightest deviation appears revolutionary? The fact is that the Kremlin could afford an even greater temporary "retreat' without truly altering the nature of the regime. It could reduce the excesses of the criminal justice system, allow more people to emigrate, and withdraw from Aghanistan. It could even publish *The Gulag Archipelago*. The Soviet Union could become as "free" and "capitalist" as Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, or China. The real question is not how far the current "thaw" will go, but for how long. For, unlike Hungary and Poland, the Soviet Union has no Big Brother who can come to the rescue if need be; and, unlike China, it has a host of small brothers to look after.

If the Soviet leaders were really intent on radical change, they would first have to discard the basic *fallacy of Marxist-Leninist* dogma. While doctrine ordains war *against* the "class enemy" there cannot be genuine peaceful *coexistence with the "bourgeois"* world, and peaceful coexistence *inside* the Soviet Union is no more likely. In the "historic *struggle of the two worlds*", Soviet citizens cannot simply be left to *pursue their private* lives and aspirations as ordinary members *of the* human family: they are bearers of "socialist justice", "socialist culture", "socialist sport", and now even "socialist glasnost". For the West to take the new policies at face value is to deal with the symptoms and ignore the disease.

National reconciliation cannot be achieved by releasing a couple of hundred prisoners from jails where they should not have been in the first place. The Soviet Union is a gravely sick country whose leaders have had to break with a 70-year tradition of silence merely to gain a little trust from the Soviet people and the world outside. It is *they*, however, who must learn to trust.

They must give the people the right to administer justice in proper courts, and they must learn to have enough respect for public opinion not to engage in their customary tactics of disinformation and manipulation. They must stop any further militarization of Soviet society and make glasnost a reality by revealing the full truth about the crimes committed by the Soviet regime.

If 70 years of doctrine have brough to ruin one of the richest countries on earth, the doctrine is clearly faulty. *Gorbachov* admits that no one in all those years *succeeded in putting the country* right; perhaps, then, the time has *come to reject the system itself.*

As for people in the West, they *should not so readily applaud* Gorbachov for promising con*ditions that they would not tol*erate for one moment.

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Tax cuts seem certain in tomorrow's Budget — but by how much? John Hoskyns puts the case for the lowest rates possible; Tim Congdon (below) urges caution

Don't flinch, Mr Lawson

A surprisingly large number of people want the Chancellor to keep taxes high. They may agonize about low pay, the employment trap, lack of job mobility, the black economy, the savings ratio and the brain drain, but under no circumstances do they support tax reduction as part of the cure. Their arguments are full of axiomatic statements which ought to make the more thoughtful reader say "Hang on — that can't be right". Here are some examples.

● *"The UK tax burden is no heavier, and in some cases lighter, than those of other comparable countries"*. But the — mainly European — countries they have in mind turn out not to be comparable. Throughout the earlier post-war period they spent and taxed less than we did. As a result of these and other more sensible economic policies, they now have much higher living standards than we do. Only later did they succumb to similar political pressures for increasing public expenditure, and they are now as worried about excessive spending and taxing as we are. The countries now setting the competitive pace — *the US, Japan, the new* industrializing countries of the Pacific basin — *all have much* lower tax burdens than we do.

● *"The money available for tax cuts would be better spent on improving welfare services and infrastructure"*. Of course welfare and infrastructure spending are important. But they are funded from tax revenues which are overheads borne by business. If a government goes too far in levying taxes to pay for better welfare and infrastructure today, the long-term capacity of the productive economy to grow (and thus provide greater tax revenues in the future) will be reduced. It was this political "short-termism" which did so much economic damage in the *1950s*, '60s and '70s. Bootstrapping ourselves out of the consequences of those wasted decades will take many years yet.

● *"The money available for tax cuts would be better spent on reducing interest rates"*. No one *wants higher interest rates*, which make new investment less attractive. But the question is not as simple as it is made to sound. Because the private sector is an overall lender to the state, higher interest has the same effect as a tax cut on the private sector's aggregate income. For every corporate or domestic borrower, there is a corporate or domestic lender (eg, to a bank or building society) whose income — and thus contribution to tax revenue — is increased when interest rates rise. And for most companies, total annual debt interest will probably be less than the cost of one year's pay award.

● *"Tax cuts will create a consumer boom leading to higher inflation."* This "overheating" risk seems unlikely, with over *three million unemployed*. The British economy of 1987 is more productive and adaptable, much *less rigid than that of 1979*. Of course, the faster the economy grows, the greater the danger of bidding up the price of scarce skills, but the proper response can hardly be to tax those skills more heavily than we need to.

● *"Tax cuts would be socially divisive because they benefit the better-off disproportionately."* It is true that the better off benefit most from tax cuts — inevitably, with a progressive (ie disproportionate) tax system — but it would be perverse to forgo tax cuts to low earners out of an obsessive desire to prevent the high earners from benefiting.

● *"Tax cuts don't make people work any harder"*. It is certainly unlikely that a cut of, say, 3p in the basic rate will instantly transform the people's attitudes. But the tax-cutter isn't saying that it will; he argues that economic behaviour and performance change at the margin, where people start to make different decisions — to change jobs, learn new skills, start their own businesses — because suddenly the effort and risk seem just worthwhile.

● *"Tax cuts will only give people more money to buy imports and thus destroy more jobs"*. By increasing demand, tax cuts will tend to attract imports, but these will be in addition to, not in place of, goods produced in the UK. Taken to its limit, the protectionist argument says that taxes should be increased to the point where imports cease altogether, whatever the damage to domestic demand. If a propensity to import suggests that home produced goods are insufficiently competitive, do we really believe that taxing their production more heavily is the right response?

These familiar fallacies follow from three implicit assumptions: that economic growth is achieved by, rather than in spite of, government action; that therefore, even in peacetime, the state has first claim on all personal income, *so that after-tax income becomes a* sort of rationed "gift" to the *undeserving and ungrateful in*dividual; and that to increase the *size of such gifts can have no* beneficial economic effect, and is therefore irresponsible *even when it is financially possible*.

It is difficult to argue systematically with people influenced by such ideas. All we can do is ask them questions. Do they think there is any connection whatever between a country's tax burden *and its* economic performance, between personal tax rates and *individual* behaviour? Are there *any* circumstances in which they *would be happy to see greatly* reduced tax rates for all? Do they think the present rates are about right, or would they like to see taxes raised? If so, by how much? Is there any limit? If so, why?

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Slow, or it's back to the old stop-go

Driving instructors do not usually tell their pupils to press on the accelerator if a car is exceeding the speed limit. In the same way, economic advisers should discourage governments from injecting extra demand into an economy if it is growing too fast.

In the early 1980s the government imposed on itself a Highway Code of macroeconomic management called the medium-term financial strategy. It laid down two separate speed limits, one on public sector borrowing and the other on the growth of the money supply (as measured by the broad measure known as sterling M3). On the whole the targets for public borrowing have been respected, *but over the past 18* months those on monetary growth *have been ignored.*

The results are already visible in *the behaviour of the economy.* Loose monetary policy has been *accompanied by simultaneous* and related booms in consumption and credit. *Last year* consumption increased by 4.8 per cent, *while the information* available so far for 1987 suggests that retail sales continue to move forward at a similar rate. Bank lending soared by more than £30 billion in 1986, implying a rate of increase of more than 20 per cent.

These and many other signs of reviving demand are splendid, in themselves, for British companies. They are undoubtedly contributing to the welcome reduction in unemployment. But the pattern of the economy at present bears too close a resemblance to the "go" phase of previous stop-go cycles. Nigel Lawson's Budget task is to ensure that the economy's gentle acceleration is not followed by speeding. If it does start speeding, the Chancellor (either Lawson or his successor) will certainly be fined by disagreeably high inflation in 1988 and 1989.

Lawson will not have an easy task dampening expectations. *Supply-side enthusiasts* at the Institute of Directors, the Adam *Smith Institute and elsewhere are* urging a large cut in the standard *rate* of income tax, while the Gadarene element in the foreign *exchange and money markets* is pushing for another 1 per cent *reduction in interest rates. In a* politically charged pre-election *environment it would be a brave* chancellor who resisted these calls *to make* good news even better.

But Lawson should resist them. It is *clear* that a large *cut* in personal taxation would add to people's spending power and give impetus to the boom in consumption, while lower interest rates would act as a spur to borrowing and further invigorate the boom in credit. It is also clear that neither consumption nor credit needs more stimulus at present.

Supporters of lower income tax may argue that their case has nothing to do with the short-term problem of stabilizing the economy and everything to do with the long-term benefit to incentives and attitudes. This is a reasonable point of view, but they should recognize that few things *disturb* the smooth working of the market mechanism, and so *damage both* incentives and attitudes, as much as *inflation. To cut standard rate* by 4p in the pound, increasing *personal spending power by £5* billion, would strengthen the al*ready buoyant* demand for consumer goods and give companies *more leeway* to raise prices. This seems imprudent as well as unnecessary. In any case, if the supply-side benefits from tax rates are indeed long-term, not much will be lost by postponement.

The arguments for and against lower tax rates may not be clearcut, but the argument against lower interest rates should be uncontroversial. It is sometimes said that a clearing bank base rate of 10.5 per cent is high relative to an annual increase in retail prices of about 4 per cent. But this comparison lacks insight. Most people borrow not to buy the goods which comprise the retail price index, but to buy assets such as houses or consumer durables.

It is now part of middle-class psychology, almost as integral to the British way of life as roast beef on Sunday, to assume that house prices will rise by 15 per cent a year for ever. While such expectations prevail, an interest rate of 10.5 per cent is a puny deterrent to the demand for credit, *particularly* when many kinds of interest *payment are deductible from tax*able income. Indeed, there should be *no surprise that the demand for* credit appears to be insatiable or *that it is generating rates of* monetary growth not seen since the bad *old* days *of the* Barber boom. If the Chancellor is serious about *laying the foundations in* this Budget for price stability in the Conservatives' third term, he should be considering *raising* interest rates, not reducing them.

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An amateur in South Africa

I have always had the greatest sympathy, amounting almost to admiration, for that stalwart friend of President Reagan, the former Judge William Clark. He exposed himself, you will remember, to almost universal ridicule while being examined by the Senate foreign relations committee in 1981 to establish his fitness to be deputy to Alexander Haig, then Secretary of State.

The committee held the view that it would be advantageous to *Clark, in this new capacity*, to have some knowledge of foreign *affairs*. They asked him, therefore, a few elementary questions. For *example, could he name the prime* ministers of South Africa and Zimbabwe. *On both counts*, the judge failed, and bore his failure manfully. *Of the first he simply* said he did not know; of the second *that he could* venture a guess but was not willing to do so. *In spite of the great* amusement he gave to the *biens pensants*, Clark was admitted to the administration and then, it seemed, proceeded to acquit himself admirably. His defence was that he could acquire these interesting bits of information as he went along, but that he was being employed as an administrator and man of general intelligence, not as some miserable computer crammed with ephemeral facts.

Facts are, of course, important to the making of political judgements. They are to be acquired, used, forgotten and rediscovered when it is necessary so to do. They are, however, no substitute for thought, and too much concentration on retaining them can be an encumbrance to thought. The essential facility with which education is supposed to equip a man is the ability to summon them up at short notice and arrange them with a proper regard to their significance. The media, incidentally, do a great deal to obscure this truth by running programmes like *Mastermind* in which contestants are invited to compete with each other in displaying their command of obscure information, thereby putting the intellectual establishment and the privileged classes generally to shame. I once knew a man who had won such a competition; his knowledge was obviously immense, his understanding seemed to me far from remarkable.

In free societies, politicians and journalists are in the business of being amateurs. They should cling to that status. They bring to their task a body of general prejudice, a few items of ill-remembered knowledge and, if they are competent, a faculty for concealing their inadequacies. If freedom is to be preserved, they must cling to this role and absolutely decline to become experts.

But alas, I protest too much. The reason for this is that I am about to make my first visit to South Africa, a country on which I have already expressed many strong opinions. I think it would be natural to expect that my first experience of the place would *bring* about at least some small change of mind. As it is, I will *return here* in three weeks' time and announce, I hope with reasonable *humility*, some conclusions. These you will be disposed to dismiss as the *off-the-cuff* reactions of an ignorant journalist who has spent a short *time* examining a question of infinite complexity and immensely tragic proportions. Like Judge Clark, I will try to learn as I go along.

However, it would seem to be only fair to start with a general restatement of the prejudices from which I begin. These are extraordinarily gloomy. To my mind, it is virtually inconceivable that there is any discoverable "solution to the South African problem". There are some interests in politics that can safely be pronounced to be incompatible with each other; the demand of the black population for one man one vote and the wish of the white population (Afrikaners and English) to maintain *not* just their supremacy but their very existence, come into this category.

I cannot conceive of any way in which a bridge can be built between these two positions. Benevolent liberal-minded attempts to build such a bridge (the actions of Dr Denis Worrall, for example), do not seem to carry much hope. President Botha's fate illustrates once again de Tocqueville's maxim that the moment when an authoritarian regime is in most danger is when it begins to reform itself.

The questions that remain to be answered are whether white supremacy can be maintained at all and whether, in terms of human cruelty, the cost of maintaining it would in any case be too high. The second question is largely nullified by the amount of human cruelty that would almost certainly follow from the abandonment of white supremacy in favour of majority rule.

If I were a white South African I am pretty sure that I would now feel that, in terms of morality, the supreme need was to maintain public order, that this need would justify curtailment of the freedom of the press and of civil liberty generally, and that the moment was wholly unripe for the consideration of constitutional reform of a fundamental kind. I am, however, an Englishman, and all these conclusions go against the grain, though at present I can see no way of resisting them.

I hope my views will be changed by my actual experience of the place. Anyway, I have stated them in advance and, if I play the game fairly, you will at least be able to judge whether (as they say) "his holiday did him good".

Philip Howard

Why I'm dogged over Latin

Journalists are like dogs: when one barks, the whole pack takes up the howl, and for a week or two the *world seems full of nothing* but sentencing for rape, say. Then the subject becomes boring, and the pack moves on.

Education used to be a worthy but dullish newspaper topic, concerned with organization and pay, and read only by the professionals. *Suddenly we are all writing about* education; and this time it is the *interesting bits such as the curricu*lum. We all have a stake in the *matter, since our only certain* form of immortality is the chil*dren of the next generations.*

There is a widespread feeling that things have gone wrong, not all of it menopausal grumpiness *that the young* don't respect our old grammatical verities or *shibboleths. For once, the state of* our education may play a part in a general election.

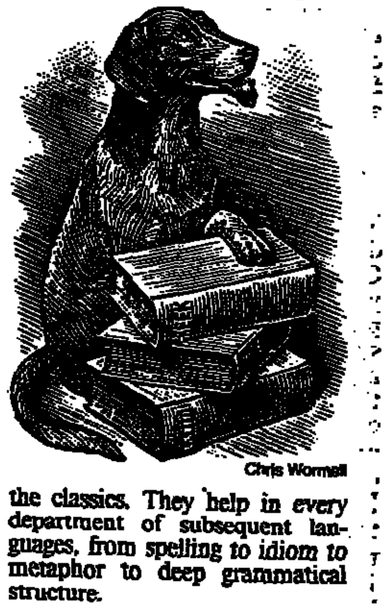
That is why I signed a petition *the other day. Normally* I never sign the things, however worthy *the cause, for various reasons:* improper for journos to take sides publicly, better ways of making a point, prefer to speak for myself *than in herd, etc. Numbers* do not necessarily justify a cause. Even if *everybody in the world* except one man signed a petition, and he voted *the other way*, he would not necessarily be wrong.

Our petition beseeches the Education Secretary to ensure that the full range of classics courses is retained in the reorganization of schools that is going on in Islington.That may sound a parish-pump matter for the main page in our oldest and greatest daily newspaper. But mighty principles grow from small seeds.

Highbury Fields and Highbury Grove schools are *at present* the only maintained schools in Di*vision 3 of the Inner London* Education Authority to offer a full *range of classics* courses to A-level. They shine like a candle in a *naughty world*. The classical languages will not be available at the *tertiary* college which is to replace their sixth form in 1989. This means that from then on children from a vast catchment area of London who want to study the classics will have to pay for it in the private sector. It is a depressingly elitist and unegalitarian proposal, which can only perpetuate the class divisions created by our education system. The best should be available for all our children, whether they can pay for it or not.

It is worth rehearsing some of the arguments for the classics for those who think of them as out-of-date accomplishments for old-fashioned ladies and gents

1. Latin and Greek are the roots of western European languages. They are the mother tongues. It is impossible to understand English fully without some knowledge of the classics. They help in *every* department of subsequent languages, from spelling *to idiom to* metaphor to deep grammatical structure.



Chris Wormall

2. Latin and Greek are the roots of western *European culture*. From iconography to politics, and from the theatre *to philosophy*, a western European with no knowledge *of the classics is blindfolded* in a garden of delights.
3. *State* education systems elsewhere, from Japan to the United *States*, are *increasingly* offering *more* classics. Surveys in urban areas of the US have demonstrated beyond argument that acquaintance with a fully inflected language such as Latin helps the backward and educationally disadvantaged to understand their own language. The demand for Latin teachers in the US has increased by 10 per cent for each of the past five years.
4. Classics helps you do *The Times* crossword (joke).

Of course our children must do more and better maths and science. But we must not revert to a Britain where *only* the upper classes have access to a full education while *children of the* workers and peasants, subhuman *Untermenschen*, have to put up with carpentry, cookery, useful trades, and second best.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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AGENDA FOR INQUIRY

Ten days after disaster overtook the Herald of Free Enterprise, it would still be unwise and unjust to attempt a full explanation of what happened. That must be for Mr Justice Sheen, who is preparing to lead the official inquiry through a haze of reports and speculation.

While the answers remain obscure, however, the questions have become a little clearer. That much is evidenced by the speed with which the Government last week issued its "advice" to shipping firms. Its demand that warning lights be fitted on the bridge of Channel ferries, to indicate when bow doors have been closed, reflects the immediate need to restore confidence in an essential service. It is in the interests of the companies themselves that they should respond quickly.

But the inquiry will need to probe more deeply into the operation of cross-Channel services. Some 45 roll-on-roll-off ferries transport 22 million passengers and more than 5 million vehicles between Britain and the continent every year. These ships operate in a market which is very competitive. With a threat from the Channel Tunnel hanging over them, it would be foolish and unfair to pretend that commercial considerations are irrelevant.

While there would seem to be no fault so fundamental as to merit withdrawing them from service, the ferries are acknowledged to be vulnerable in certain circumstances — like those which overwhelmed the Herald of Free Enterprise. If water floods the vehicle decks, rolling to one side with the ship's movement and maybe taking heavy lorries with it, it can tilt the vessel to one side and overturn it.

The Herald of Free Enterprise had had to flood its front ballast tanks to enable it to load and unload on a high tide at Zeebrugge — not the easiest port for it anyway. It was therefore nose down in the water as it headed back out to sea, causing higher than usual bow waves to break over it. This should still not have caused any problems had the bow doors by then been shut — and why this was not the case is one of the questions for Mr Justice Sheen and his inquiry.

Given the extent of the disaster however, the inquiry must also make recommendations on what modifications should be introduced, not only to ships yet to be built but also on those now in service. While regulations already lay down that ships should have watertight compartments below the water-line, it has hitherto been argued that to impose upon ferry companies the need to build watertight bulkheads into the vehicle deck as well, would be impractical. It might impact to such an extent on vehicle loads that the operation would no longer be commercially viable.

This argument now needs to be reviewed. It is hard for the layman to accept that this is necesarily so. There is a case moreover, for funding a special investigation into the engineering of movable bulkheads, which could be raised and lowered before and after loading. There must indeed be a penalty in terms of vehicle loads, but it need not be excessive — and companies might now find it inescapable.

A more efficient means of extracting exhaust fumes from the vehicle deck, thus eliminating the practice of leaving bow doors open while the atmosphere clears, should be looked at. So indeed should the speed with which ballast tanks can be emptied to adjust to changing needs. Indeed the vulnerability of roll-on roll-off ferries in certain conditions at sea, has now been so tragically proven that more fundamental changes in the architecture of future boats will have to be considered at some stage.

The other area which needs close examination by the inquiry is that of operating procedures. The apparent lack of a standard system of communication between the crew responsible for closing the bow doors and the captain on the bridge is, to say the least, surprising. One does not need to prejudge this particular case to point out that familiarity breeds contempt. It is to combat this and other human frailties that routine checking procedures are employed in the cockpit of civilian aircraft and in nearly all military operations.

Commercial considerations cannot be ignored. Ferries ideally should be fast, inexpensive and efficient. It is in the pursuit of these objectives that ships' officers and their crews are under pressure to be punctual in their sailings. But public safety cannot be subjugated to any of these aims and if, as a result of this disaster, passengers have to wait a little longer or pay a little more to cross the Channel, then so be it.

Mr Justice Sheen is having to inquire into the circumstances surrounding an accident in which it looks as if human error was to blame. But a service of this kind while it cannot be entirely foolproof, must be as close to that ideal as possible. It is the future not the past, to which he must principally look and if there is a cost, then few should grudge it.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR PROPOSES

The recent Civil Justice Review proposals from the Lord Chancellor's department promise much. The review was set up to improve the machinery of civil justice by means of reforms in jurisdiction, procedure and court administration. In particular, its aim was to reduce delay, cost and complexity.

There were fears that penny-pinching administrative reform might lead to a lowering of standards. The proposals contain the clear warning, however, that the civil justice system should be reformed so as to maximize the quality of justice as well as efficiency.

Many of the review's proposals are both clearly right and long overdue. For example, it is recommended that there should in all cases and as a matter of course be full pre-trial disclosure of evidence, including the exchange of witness statements.

It is good to see the proposal that the upper limit for small claims should be increased to £1,000 with a new in-court arbitration structure to cover cases where the claim is between £1,000 and £5,000. This is a welcome shift away from the gladiatorial conventions of a full trial, employed too often as a sledgehammer to crack small nuts.

The review's proposal for introducing greater incentives and competition into the remuneration system of the legal profession are more controversial. Already the Law Society is looking at ways of funding litigation and is expected to report shortly.

The idea of predetermined fees for certain classes of litigation such as divorce and personal injuries cases is both attractive and fashionable.

But any table of fixed charges must have sufficient flexibility to allow for the individual characteristics of each case. If the limits are too rigid, they will set a minimum standard of remuneration which all lawyers will claim, irrespective of the work involved, and they will discourage necessary effort over and above the perceived norm.

The review recommends that the high court and the county court should either be amalgamated into a single civil court or at the least be more closely integrated. The essential proposition is that the county court would handle most types of cases and that only a limited range of disputes (in particular commercial cases) would continue to start in the high court.

There would be published criteria as to which cases should be heard where. The parties would then have the option of either themselves certifying that a matter should be transferred upwards (in which case they would be at risk as to costs if plainly wrong) or alternatively inviting a registrar to give directions for a high court trial.

This is not unlike the present committal for trial of a criminal case from a magistrates' to a crown court. The review's proposed streamlining therefore has the twin merits of a bold approach and an imaginative borrowing from another jurisdiction of a system which is known by experience to work.

A EUROPEAN BREWHAHA

The German government, dismayed by the European Court ruling against its 470-year-old law governing the purity of beer, deserves a little sympathy — a little but not too much. To the man in the bar of the Rose and Crown, the idea of pure beer, free from obscure chemical additives, has an obvious if distant attraction. He would surely prefer (in theory at least) to live under a regime in which more than 1,200 breweries compete for individual and local tastes with a product that consists only of barley malt, hops, yeast and water. It sounds like consumer protection.

The European Court, however, saw it as a different kind of protection: a spurious restraint on most potential competitors from other parts of the European Community. Could the health of the German people really depend on preventing them from buying imported beers — with additives that had not obviously sapped the strength of other European nations? And if, as the German government contended, the average German male draws more than a quarter of his daily nutritional intake from beer, might not his diet benefit more from dietary reform than preservation?

National consumer protection laws, often for health or safety reasons, have been used far too often to prevent a common market developing within the European Community. Britain has been more sinned against than sinning, but has not been immune from temptation — as the packet milk contest showed. As a result, the European Commission has come to view even the most venerable national customs with suspicion as a potential restriction upon trade.

That suspicion is usually justified. The promotion of free trade, and in particular a free market within the Community, itself promotes the interests of consumers more than any restriction can do.

Yet there can be genuine conflicts between the protection of the consumer's interest and the requirements of the free internal market. For instance, the need for general agreement to improve European standards delayed action on car exhaust emissions that was particularly dear to Germany.

It is also hard to understand the practical benefits of banning Britain's compulsory origin-marking laws as a breach of the Treaty of Rome. It was contended that these merely fed subjective prejudice against foreign goods and hence acted against freedom of internal trade.

Many a British manufacturer would beg to differ. In any case, education rather than law is the answer to prejudice, unless severe social damage results.

Britain did much to promote the development of a free internal market in its presidency of the Council of Ministers. If the public is to be won over to the cause of breaking down barriers, however, freer trade should go hand in hand with the raising of consumer protection standards to the highest in the Community. The effect should not be to harmonize them downwards. .

In a world of freer trade and greater choice, information is the consumer's strongest weapon and safest shield. Higher standards of labelling allow the public to choose without being fooled.

But the consumer is far from powerless even without the protection of the law. British beer drinkers have successfully rebelled against marketing strategies of national brewers. Germany's pure beer brewers will surely respond to the new challenge of consumer choice by promoting what was once taken for granted. In doing so, they may well find consumers elsewhere more appreciative of their product. This might even help to promote the pure beers already produced in other Community countries, including Britain.

Buyers are not always as wary as they should be. But it is generally better to inform consumers than to dictate what they may buy, in what is deemed to be their own

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Towards a missile agreement

From Mr C. F. Maxwell III

Sir, Mikhail Gorbachov's style of leadership has created an atmosphere in which a missile agreement seems possible, indeed attractive. *Glasnost* has become the definitive characteristic of that style of leadership. Yet precisely because of his relatively liberal agenda Mr Gorbachov is unable to rely upon solid support in the Politburo and in the three key institutions — the army, party, and KGB — that support Politburo members.

It should not be assumed that entrenched, conservative interests in the Politburo and in the three key institutions will continue to tolerate Mr Gorbachov's progressivism any more than they did that of his reformist predecessor, Nikita Khrushchev.

There is much to be said in favour of a medium-range missile agreement in Europe. Removal of medium-range missiles would reduce the nuclear tension between the two superpowers and provide Mr Gorbachov with a timely boost in prestige in the eyes of his countrymen. However, his tenuous position as leader of the Soviet Union is a sobering reality.

Should the hardliners reassert themselves and replace Mr Gorbachov with one of their own, a missile agreement reached under the aegis of *glasnost* would be put in a very different perspective, particularly if the current Soviet short-range missile advantage remains.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES F. MAXWELL III,
Mansfield College, Oxford.
March 11.

From Mr Spartak Beglov

Sir, In his article, "The perils of a zero-zero draw" (March 6), David Watt claims that the Soviet Union wishes to maintain a conventional military superiority while eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Not a single Soviet statement gives David Watt any reason for this accusation. Our proposals provide for quite different developments.

Five years ago the USSR took a nuclear no-first-use pledge, whereas the US and Nato have not taken one to this day. A year ago the USSR agreed to far-reaching military confidence-building measures, which were registered in a relevant agreement at the Stockholm-1 conference.

Right after this Moscow and its Warsaw Treaty allies proposed early talks (in the framework of the Helsinki process) on deep cuts in conventional weapons and troops from the Atlantic to the Urals, and expressed their readiness to meet Western concerns over asymmetry in components of these forces. However, this unprecedented and promising proposal has not yet been seriously considered by the West.

If the West was really concerned over the problem of conventional cuts it would grasp at the proposal of the Warsaw Treaty to see whether the Russians are really sincere. But since this is not the case, one must conclude that the Nato leaders prefer to dodge the solution of this problem in order to preserve an excuse to continue the conventional arms race.

This conclusion is buttressed by the current attempts to sow doubts in western Europe about the expediency of an agreement on medium-range missiles. Six years ago Nato enthusiastically welcomed the "zero option", which was not easy for the USSR to accept, not least because of the nuclear potentials of Britain and France.

Now that the USSR has decided to accept this option, despite the problems, the same people in Nato are saying that they just cannot imagine what they would do without American Pershing-2s and cruise missiles. When were they sincere — then or now?

It is high time to disavow the what's-better-for-the-Soviet-Union-is-automatically-worse-for-the-West concept.

Respectfully,
SPARTAK BEGLOV,
Novosti Press Agency,
4 Zubovsky Boulevard,
Moscow,
USSR.
March 11.

From General Sir Hugh Beach

Sir, It is perverse of you to suggest (leading article, March 10) that a "zero-zero" deal on intermediate-range nuclear forces, in its present form, looks unwise. It is hardly a question of "entering into the spirit of the offer and accepting Mr Gorbachov at face value" — it is rather a matter of being prepared to take "yes" for an answer.

The plain fact is that the West now has a major foreign policy success on its hands. The "zero option", when first presented by the US President in 1981, was widely derided by tender spirits as impossibly tough on the Soviets. It has now been accepted *in toto*.

This success has been due, beyond question, to the willingness of Nato governments collectively to hang tough, and to press on with the deployment of Pershing-2s and ground-launched cruise missiles in the teeth of considerable public unpopularity. The reward is now ready to be reaped in the form of a bargain which is manifestly to the advantage of both sides.

If it goes through, the countries of western Europe will be free, for the first time since the USSR deployed the predecessors to the SS-20 in the early 1960s, from the threat of this whole class of nuclear system. It will be the first major arms-reduction exercise to be completed in my lifetime. Sensible measures of verification are, of course, *sine qua non*.

As regards shorter range missiles, Mr Gorbachov offered on February 28 not only (as you say) to pull back his rockets from East Germany and Czechoslovakia, but to "begin talks immediately with a view to reducing and fully eliminating them". It is hard to see how he could go further at this stage. The countries of western Europe should now be giving the Americans every encouragement to complete the deal on these terms.

Yours sincerely,
HUGH BEACH (Director,
The Council for Arms Control),
At King's College London,
Manresa Road,
Chelsea, SW3.
March 11.

The Greenwich grant

From the Leader of Greenwich Council

Sir, You report (March 6) the statement by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, amending yet again the local authorities' rate-support grant allocations for 1987-88.

In his original block-grant settlement for 1986-87 the secretary of state made provision for the additional costs which would fall to each London borough when they assumed former GLC responsibilities. His declared intention was that there should be no gainers or losers among the London boroughs.

The functions which came to Greenwich cost us an estimated £26million, for which, in his original settlement, the secretary of state allocated £22.8million. We felt this was unfair. We complained, but received no increase.

The London Borough of Bromley felt their settlement was unfair and complained. The secretary of state responded by proposing to re-allocate the grant, with the result that Bromley would receive more and Greenwich less by £2.4million. Because of the intricacies of block-grant settlements, this has a real value of £3.8million.

Contrary to what Frank Johnson wrote ("The spark to set the shires aflame", March 6), Mr Ridley did not take the matter to the High Court. Greenwich Council sought a judicial review of Mr Ridley's action in withholding grant. The High Court declared the Government's action unlawful. This still leaves us substantially short of funding for our needs, arising from the abolition of the GLC.

The allegations made about Greenwich in the House are entirely without foundation. We have merely fought to keep the original allocation of grant, inadequate though it was, which Mr Ridley attempted unlawfully to take from us.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN AUSTIN-WALKER, Leader,
London Borough of Greenwich,
Leader's Office, Town Hall,
Woolwich, SE18.
March 9.

Doctors on call

From Dr J. R. James

Sir, I read with interest your report (February 23) on NHS locums. As I proceed through my third consecutive night "on call", the question I would ask an administrator (if one was to hand) is, why has the NHS not set up its own locum agency? Until it does so (assuming, of course, that this is an organisational feat of which the National Association of Health Authorities is capable) it seems foolish to talk of banning the private locum or freezing their fees.

The private locum agencies are everything the NHS is not. They are efficient and they pay promptly and well. They are the only reliable source of doctors to fill gaps that the dwindling group of hospital doctors (myself among them) are increasingly reluctant to fill.

The disappearance of the agencies would accelerate the ongoing breakdown of the hospital service. I suspect even this Government would find that unacceptable.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. JAMES,
259 Lidgett Lane,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.
March 6.

Policy problems

From Mr Garry Curran

Sir, I feel compelled to write concerning your article (March 7) which highlighted the plight of shopkeepers in arranging insurance cover for inner-city areas, such as Brixton, which have suffered social disturbances in the recent past.

As an insurance consultant situated in close proximity to the Brixton area I, too, have felt the rumblings of discontent from local businesses. Indeed, it is correct that many insurers are increasing their rates at alarming proportions and many more are declining to quote for new proposals.

However, my own experience is that many local businesses have made supreme efforts in recent times to safeguard their premises and this has been acknowledged by certain underwriters who in turn are pleased to consider well-secured, maintained and professionally managed businesses in a favourable light.

Yours faithfully,
GARRY CURRAN,
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222 Market Towers,
Nine Elms Lane, SW8.
March 10.

Making light of ageing process

From Mr F. H. Pedley

Sir, Professor Raymond Levy (March 7) is welcome to use the words "old" and "elderly" for the purposes of his research if that helps him and others to define what they are investigating. But he is much nearer to the nub of the argument when he ("having accepted this fate") refers to the "Third Age" as being a more realistic, as well as more acceptable alternative.

Even then, however, he fails to make the crucial distinction. Those of us who belong to the University of the Third Age have no intention of falling into the *quatrième âge*, which would more properly be defined as senility rather than the "old old". We intend to occupy our minds, and our bodies too, in such a way that the stimulus of mental and physical activity leads to wholesome fulfilment which is of our own making — because U3A, as it is known, is an organisation run by its members, of which there are now some 10,000 in about 100 groups all over the country.

Perhaps, when his working life has to end, Professor Levy will join us — and we hope an increasing number of those who are retired will do. The University of the Third Age is, compared with other bodies, an infant; but it is a lusty one.

Yours etc,
F. H. PEDLEY, Chairman,
National Committee,
The University of the Third Age,
6 Parkside Gardens, SW19.
March 7.

From Mrs Valerie Langridge

Sir, I teach English to a class of Belgian *troisième-âge* pupils. The oldest of them, a sprightly 92-year-old, announced the other day, "In 10 or 12 years' time we shall all be quite fluent!"

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE LANGRIDGE,
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Woluwe-St-Pierre,
1150 Brussels,
Belgium.
March 7.

School transfers

From Mr Michael P. Glogg

Sir, I understand that the problems facing GCSE students who change schools in mid-course is currently being addressed by the board secretaries. The evidence so far is that their time-scale for resolving an issue of such key importance for parents and students is woefully unrealistic.

For some weeks now I and my senior colleagues have been attempting to respond sympathetically to the questions of one anxious father of a 14-year-old daughter two terms into the GCSE courses at her current school in Swansea. The parent has finally located a school that can accommodate her particular combination of upper school subject options, but has asked us what happens about any mismatches between her present board and the different boards under which we operate, either in respect of assessment procedures or course work completed before transfer which does not come within the syllabus of our own examination board(s).

Regrettably, all I have been able to secure from board secretaries has been the assurance that each case will be dealt with on its merits. The Secretary for the Joint Council for the GCSE has also assured me that "every effort will be made to ensure that children are not placed at a disadvantage".

Fine words, but how does a parent assess the "cost" of any such proposed transfer and judge whether it would be better to keep their child in their present school, boarded with relatives, especially if five months' work in one or two subjects were to be written off if they transferred?

It appears to me that, in their haste to launch the GCSE, the issue of transfer has been downgraded by the boards. Do they have any idea of the vast numbers of pupil transfers in this 14 — 17 age group?

Yours faithfully,
M. P. GLOGG,
Deputy Headmaster,
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New Alresford,
Hampshire.
March 3.

Life in Romania

From Mr Alan Beith, MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed (Liberal)

Sir, Richard Bassett's article (February 27) vividly conveys some of the grim reality of life in Romania and although he seems excessively sanguine about what the West can do, he is right to insist that Western leaders should cease to regard the regime as in some way preferable to those of other iron curtain countries.

Nowhere is the harshness of the regime more clearly shown than in the treatment of Romania's Hungarian-speaking minority in Transylvania, which I and others in the Liberal-SDP Alliance have raised with the Romanian authorities on several occasions.

Hungarian-language radio and TV broadcasts have been severely reduced, schools closed down, theatre groups intimidated and the minorities' right to worship in their own churches systematically denied. Cases of physical abuse of members of the Hungarian community are also well documented.

We should not forget that there is no sign of *glasnost* in Bucharest.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BEITH,
House of Commons.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 16 1909

The Black Hand was especially active in America in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. At one period it was estimated that 90 per cent of New York's Italian population were victims of the society's threats. Lt Joseph Petrosino paid with his life in the endeavour to crush the organization

THE BLACK HAND IN AMERICA

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

It is no wonder that the assassination of Petrosino has caused a great sensation in New York, for the detective just murdered at Palermo was the one man in whose skill the American police trusted for the solution of one of their most pressing and difficult problems. The long series of Black Hand outrages of which this is the climax must be carefully distinguished from such crime as might be expected to result from the temperament and traditions of the Italian immigrants in the United States . . .

. . . The character of the "Little Italy" in an American city will ordinarily bear comparison with that of the quarters of other foreign residents. And in every community of any size may be found many well-to-do Italians who have amassed considerable means, not by speculation but by steady business qualities.

ORIGIN AND METHODS

It is this very prosperity of the reputable Italians that has stimulated the criminal propensities of the lowest class of their fellow-countrymen and has brought into being the terrorism of the Black Hand. Toward the end of the last century the Sicilian gangs which made their living by blackmail became aware that not a few Italians who had left their home country as peasants had acquired wealth across the Atlantic. Even the ordinary workman, they learnt, who could gain only 40 cents a day in Sicily, could make about four times that wage in New York. Accordingly they hastened to exploit by their familiar methods the rich field of the Italian colony in that city. It was not long before the American police found themselves faced by an elaborate machinery of crime far more ingenious and complicated than anything with which they had previously had to deal. The Black Hand . . . did not hesitate at kidnapping, outrage, and murder when these means seemed necessary to its ends.

A few specimen cases will illustrate the activities of this organization. There was the murder, in September, 1903, of Deranimo, an ex-policeman from Italy, through whose efforts a number of members of the Mafia had been arrested. He had been pursued by the vengeance of his enemies from city to city, until he was lured one day into the hallway of a tenement building in Second Avenue, New York, and shot dead. Then there was the slaying of Salvatore Bossotto, the son of an Italian restaurant keeper. Young Bossotto had called in the police to arrest a Sicilian for attempting to defraud of their money a party of Italian miners on their way home from Pennsylvania. One morning when the father and son opened their restaurant they found on the glass of the front door the sign of the "bridge of death" — a perpendicular line, crossed at regular intervals by three horizontal lines, with small crosses in the two spaces at the right hand. The prediction was fulfilled shortly after when the accused Sicilian shot Bossotto in his own restaurant . . .

. . . In 1907, on the very day when there appeared in the New York newspapers a cable despatch asserting that many Italians had lately returned to Italy on purpose to escape the Black Hand, there took place a significant incident in a New York Court-room. An Italian prisoner who had been convicted of kidnapping but had not been sentenced, conceived the idea that if he testified against his accomplice, whose trial was to follow, he might be let off with a lighter penalty . . . Before he uttered a word in evidence he happened to glance across at his confederate and immediately turned deathly pale. The confederate, looking straight at the prisoner already convicted, had placed the forefinger of his left hand in each temple successively, and had then, quick as a flash, drawn his right hand across his throat . . . From that moment never a word could be extracted from the man who had professed himself ready to tell all . . .

Learning in play

From Mr H. D. McFarlane

Sir, I was somewhat amused to read (report, March 4) that a minister suggests that a 150-page book is necessary to stimulate interest in the financial world, or that the invention of a company game might have a similar result.

In my day — admittedly some 60 years ago — a very wise maths master simply told us to pick out three stocks from the *Times* financial page and follow their progress for six months. It did the trick. My interest in the stock markets has never vanished.

Yours faithfully
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Berkshire.

In perpetuity?

From Mr N. W. Ayles

Sir, I have just re-discovered in an old file a 30-year-old £1 premium bond. How much longer must I wait before I win my first prize?

Yours faithfully,
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March 4.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 15: The Prince Edward today attended the Finals of the All-England Badminton Championships at Wembley Arena.

His Royal Highness was received by the President of the Badminton Association of England (Mr A.E. Jones) and the Chief Executive (Air Vice-Marshal G.C. Lamb).

Wing Commander Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, this evening attended the BAFTA Craft Awards at Granada Studios, Manchester.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Sir William Downward) and the Director of the Academy (Mr Reginald Collin).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at the Children's Royal Variety Performance held at the London Palladium in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which her Royal Highness is President.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Dunleath at the Memorial Service for the Lord Brookeborough which was held in St Macartin's Cathedral Church, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, today.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Chest, Heart and Stoke Association, will attend a musical evening on April 7 at Lambeth Palace, by courtesy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, one of the association's honorary vice-presidents. The Cantilena String Quartet and Cantabile will provide the music.

The Easter Ball, in aid of the Breast Cancer Research Trust, will be held at the Inter-Continental Hotel on March 18.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Madison, fourth President of the United States 1809-17, Port Conway, Virginia, 1751; George Ohm, physicist, Erlanger, Germany, 1787.

DEATHS: Giovanni Pergolesi, composer, Pozzuoli, Italy, 1736; Robert Surtees, novelist (creator of Mr Jorrocks), Brighton, 1864; J.R. Macleod, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1923, Aberdeen, 1935; Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary 1924-29, Nobel laureate (peace) 1925, London, 1937; Selma Lagerlof, novelist, Nobel laureate 1909, Marbacka, Sweden, 1940; Constantin Brancusi, sculptor, Paris, 1957; William Henry Beveridge, Lord Beveridge, pioneer of social security, Oxford, 1963.

Marriage

Mr R. Boggis-Rolfe and Miss L. Jenkins
The marriage took place on Saturday, March 7, at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Northleach, between Mr Richard Boggis-Rolfe and Miss Lucy Jenkins.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Matilda McLean, Camilla Boggis-Rolfe, Negan Jenkins, Harriet Jenkins, Daisy Hamilton-Baillie, Corisand Fenwick, William Jenkins, William Buxton and Alexander Scott. Mr John Ramsden was best man.

A reception was held at Hampnett Manor.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr J.C.G. Durham to be Northern Counties Regional President of the Building Employers Confederation.

Dinners

Durbar Club
Sir David Goodall, HM High Commissioner-designate to India, was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner of the Durbar Club held at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Wednesday, March 11. Mr Narindar Saroop presided.

Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers
Mr H. Lee presided at the annual dinner of the Institution of Mechanical and General Technician Engineers held at the Cadogan Thistle Hotel on Saturday.

Old Tauntonian Association
Mr Barry White, President of the Old Tauntonian Association, presided at the annual dinner held at the St Pierre Hotel, Chepstow, on Saturday. Mr Barry Sutton, Sir Peter Emery, MP, and Mr Norman Roberts, Headmaster of Taunton School, were the principal guests.

Service dinners

The King's Own Royal Border Regiment
Lieutenant-Colonel W.A. Robinson presided at the annual dinner of the South of England branch of The King's Own Royal Border Regimental Association held on Saturday at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea.

Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force
The Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire and the Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire attended a dinner given by officers of the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Army Cadet Force at Simpson Barracks, Northampton, on Saturday. Colonel J.M.K. Weir, County Commandant, presided.

Clifford Longley

Dangers lurking in symbolism

There are deep connections between the controversy over female ordination in the Church of England and the controversy over contraception in the Roman Catholic Church.

Each involves a conflict between the teaching of church tradition and lessons drawn from experience; and each has raised the question whether and to what extent tradition can be modified in the light of that experience. In one way or another both concern sexuality.

Another similarity can now be recognised, arising from last week's Vatican statement on bio-ethical issues. They both also concern the integrity of personal and sexual symbolism in a sacramental context, one the priesthood and the other matrimony.

For the Vatican statement sets forward an argument in support of Catholic official teaching on contraception which significantly develops the position taken nearly 20 years ago by Pope Paul VI in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. Symbolism has been made the central issue.

As *Humanae Vitae* itself virtually admitted, the Roman Catholic Church's traditional teaching on birth control lacked adequate supporting argument: it was clear what it was saying, but not why it was saying it. That lack has often been produced as an explanation, by those whose business is to expound the official teaching, for their apparent failure to convince a substantial proportion of the Catholic population.

It is a less embarrassing explanation than that the teaching itself was flawed. This is another parallel with the conservative case against women priests in the Church of England: those who hold it willingly admit they have not yet found a persuasive way of explaining it. And the fact that Anglicanism as a system is historically less steeped in sacramental symbolism than the Roman system may help to explain why on both issues Anglicanism has tended to move faster and further.

In the case of female ordination, the sacramental-symbolic argument is that the priest stands in the place of Christ, as His image or symbol, and the maleness of the priest is part of the authenticity of the symbol. Maleness in sexual symbolism signifies the active partner, the one who makes the first move; and femaleness the respondent.

The combination signifies that it is always God who takes the initiative, and that it is the church collectively, and the human soul individually, which then responds, both being symbolically female. (It is no wonder that female ordination is a feminist issue.)

In the case of contraception, as presented in the Vatican bio-ethics statement, the authenticity of the symbolism turns not on the gender of the partners, which is not at issue, but on their actions. A physical barrier to the transmission of sperm from man to woman stands for a spiritual and emotional barrier between them, denying their sexual act its proper meaning as a symbol of their total unity.

The statement speaks of the "language of the body": Pope John Paul II, in his previous exposition of these ideas, has suggested that contraceptive intercourse is a kind of lie.

In both cases, according to the traditionalist view, a defect of essential symbol in these respects is enough to destroy sacramental validity. A woman who has been through a service of ordination is nevertheless not a priest; a couple who have been through a marriage service, intending every subsequent act of sexual intercourse to involve deliberate frustration of conception, is nevertheless not a marriage.

Both sacraments are void. For it is a principle of sacramental theology that the symbolism employed is not merely a poetic metaphor invented by humans, but belongs to an objective reality outside human control. It belongs in the realm of metaphysics, not metaphors; these symbols are statements of what is the case, not just useful ways of thinking about it.

There are two reasonable objections. Within the terms of the argument about symbols and sacraments, it is still open to challenge whether the supposed passivity of the female and activity of the male is anything more than a product of conditioning and culture, and has no objective reference; and likewise whether the uninterrupted passage of sperm is really of the very essence of the act of sexual intercourse.

Both these very quickly become circular arguments. The maleness of the priesthood is first employed as part of the evidence for a general assertion about natural male dominance and natural female passivity; and that then emerges at the end of the argument as the point which has been proved.

Similarly, sexual intercourse is first defined in terms of its procreativity, and then the body language of non-procreative acts is measured against that criterion, and found wanting. Even if the arguments are presented in a way that avoids this tautology, it is still questionable whether the particular symbols are capable of bearing the weight that is being put on them.

A more fundamental objection would be aimed at the broad terms of the argument. Traditional Roman Catholic sacramental theology relies heavily if implicitly on a philosophical method and framework which is independent of the Christian religion, and it is therefore a tool of analysis rather than a source of revealed truth.

It enables the human mind to go where otherwise it would have no language. But the traditional system of metaphysics, by which sacramental symbols have usually been explained, has in the past come dangerously close to usurping the place of revelation itself. It can have the same warping effect on religion as any other ideology.

This metaphysics is powerfully at work both in the arguments cited above against the ordination of women, and in the Vatican's adoption of symbolic body language as the decisive arbiter of the morality of sexual behaviour in marriage.

Symbols and images may be additional clues as to the direction in which the true and the good might lie, for they appeal to emotion and to the unconscious in ways that rational argument cannot. If they are employed with mathematical precision to produce a QED solution, however, they can be dangerous.

Gold medal for white orchids

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

White orchids featured in a gold medal exhibit staged by McBean's Orchids, of Cooksbridge, Sussex, at the British Orchid Growers' Associations' show held over the weekend at Westminster.

They included new white cymbidiums, in great demand for weddings, such as 'Fancy Free' and 'Highland Surprise', and *Odontoglossum* 'Royal Occasion' used at the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

McBean's giant display was a kaleidoscope of colour and included many other new cymbidiums, particularly outstanding being the bright red 'Pontac' and pale green and pink 'Jester', a novel variety with three lips.

In the orchid competition, S.J. Woolway, of Somersham, Huntingdon, fared well in the open classes, gaining the McBean cymbidium perpetual challenge trophy: the McBean Orchids trophy; and the Armstrong and Brown trophy for miniature cymbidiums, with his variety 'Sandlewood' being judged champion hybrid.

Other trophy winners in the open classes were:

Peter Watts, of Oadby, Leicester, the Lyoth perpetual challenge trophy for odontoglossums: John Gay, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, the Wyld Court Orchids trophy for hybrid orchids: G Dilullo, of London, the H Dixon & Sons perpetual trophy for species: K Raine, of Worcester Park, Surrey, the Burnham Nurseries perpetual challenge trophy for phalaenopsis: and K Brinkler, of Deal, Kent, the R & E Ratcliffe trophy for paphiopediums.

In the amateur classes M. Raine, of Worcester Park gained the Mansell and Hatcher trophy for the pink, pendulous, *Dendrobium superbum* 'Beverley' which was judged grand champion. Other trophy winners in the amateur classes:

J S Davison, of Littlehampton, Sussex, the Stonehurst Orchid Nursery trophy for a cymbidium, and the Dorset Orchids trophy for a Phalaenopsis hybrid: Dr T D Lawson, of Cheam, Surrey, the Ivens orchid trophy for a miniature cymbidium: M Potter, of Hendon, London, the Lipanda Orchids trophy for a cattleya: Mr and Mrs F J Pearl, of London, the R & E Ratcliffe trophy for a paphiopedilum: Peter Watts, the Bromsberrow Place Nursery trophy for the brilliant orange Odontoglossum 'Oadby Sunrise'; John Gay, the Guinness trophy for deep crimson Odontoglossum 'Gaytarn', which also received an award of merit: George Ley, of Northwood, Middlesex, the Neville Orchids trophy for a phalaenopsis species: R B Sharpe of Sandy, Bedfordshire, the Roydon Orchids trophy for a hybrid of any genus: J B Cornwell, of New Barnet, Hertfordshire, the Rittershausen salver for brilliant vermilion Sophronitis 'Firestone': and Mrs S A White, of Greenford, Middlesex, the Black and Flory trophy for an arrangement of cut blooms.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Patrick Lawrence and Miss L.H. Marchessini
The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of Lord and Lady Oaksey, of Oaksey, Wiltshire, and Lucinda, eldest daughter of Mr Demetri Marchessini, of Wilton Crescent, London, and Mrs Nicholas Peto, of Dean, Oxfordshire.

Mr W.R. Abel and Miss J.C. Hole
The engagement is announced between William, son of the late Mr W. Abel and Mrs Abel, of New Zealand, and Jane, daughter of Mr D. Hole, of Tarring Neville, Sussex, and Mrs G.M. Hole, of Lewes, Sussex.

Mr F.J. Cochrane-Dyet and Miss S.E.J. Aram
The engagement is announced between Fergus, elder son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs I. Cochrane-Dyet, of Dumfrieshire, and Susie, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Aram, of Oxfordshire.

Mr R.M. Davidson and Miss J.D. Guitart
The engagement is announced between Russell Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Joseph N. Davidson, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, and Jacqueline Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Fernando A. Guitart, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr M.M.V. Finney and Miss H.R. Collins
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Judge and Mrs J.J. Finney, of Hampstead, London, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.R. Collins, of Codford, Wiltshire.

Mr J.R. Hitchcock and Miss S.J. Richardson
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Francis Hitchcock, of Shoreham, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Richardson, of Hever, Kent.

Dr P.R. Hobson and Miss J.M.H. Carr-Brion
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Dr B. and Dr E. Hobson, of Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, and Justine, daughter of Mr K.G. Carr-Brion, of Wrestlingworth, Bedfordshire.

Mr A.C. Hogg and Miss A.P. Selby
The engagement is announced between Adam, second son of Mr and Mrs M.D. Hogg, of Barnes, London, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs N. Selby, of Putney, London.

Mr K. Jackson and Miss R. Cuming
The engagement is announced between Kimberley, son of Mrs J. Jackson, of Darlington, Victoria, Australia, and the late Mr Byron Jackson, and Rowena, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lindsay Cuming, of Melbourne, Australia.

Mr J.R. Macdonald and Miss T.M.J. Cradock
The engagement is announced between John Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs Ian Macdonald, of Eastfield House, Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, and Tracy Margaret Jeannie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Cradock, of Buckhurst, Normandy, Surrey.

Mr R.G. MacNaughton and Miss K.E. Davis
The engagement is announced between Richard George, third son of Mr and Mrs John MacNaughton, of Farnborough, Kent, and Karen Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Michael Davis, of North Petterton, Somerset, and of Mrs Christine Davis, of Teignmouth, Devon.

Mr A.S. Wilmot-Sitwell and Miss C.F. Marr
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell, of Portman House, Dummer, Hampshire, and Fiona, daughter of Mr Neil Marr and the late Mrs Lennox Hannay, of Spring Hill, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Badminton School Bristol

The following girls have been awarded scholarships:

Academic scholarships: Joanna Dee, Mont Cantel Preparatory School, Jersey: Joanna Preston, St Christopher's, Burnham-on-Sea: Simone Carr and Sherry Dalesandro, Whitford Hall, Bromsgrove: Hannah Freeman, Warwick Preparatory School, Warwick: Katie Day, Badminton Junior School: Caroline Everett and Philippa Corson, Badminton Senior School.

Music scholarships: Ruth Kenyon, St Stephen's Primary School, Bath: Lucy Melvin, St Christopher's School, London: Lys Appleby, Badminton Senior School.

Sixth form scholarships: Vicky Waugh, Alton Convent: Rachel Merry and Emma Norris, Badminton Senior School.

Birthdays today

Sir Ralph Campbell, 81; Sir Patrick Dean, 78; Lord De Ramsey, 77; the Rev Hugo de Waal, 52; Sir Kingsford Dibela, 55; Sir Philip Foreman, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris, 70; Mr David Frith, 50; Sir Ewart Jones, 76; Dr A.J.P. Kenny, 56; Mr Leo McKern, 67; Miss Kate Nelligan, 36; Dr Charles Newman, 87; Mr R.G. Puttick, 71; Miss Lucie Rie, 85.

Erskine tipped for gold medal

Mr Ralph Erskine, the architect responsible for the hugh Byker housing project in Newcastle upon Tyne, is tipped to win the 1987 Royal Gold Medal for Architecture.

The Royal Institute of British Architects has taken the unprecedented step of releasing the names of shortlisted candidates. The announcement will be made on March 25.

Mr Erskine is the only British architect on the list. The others are Mr Richard Meier and Mr I.M. Pei, from America; Frei Otto and Ludwig Leo, from Germany; the Egyptian architect Hassan Fathy; the Italian architect Giancarlo de Carlo; Dutch architect Aldo Van Eyck; and Gustav Peichl, from Austria.

Today's royal engagements

Princess Anne, as Patron of the Butler Trust, presents the awards at Lambeth Palace at noon.

Nature notes

Creaking call of partridge

The first summer migrants have returned. White wagtails have been seen on their way north to Iceland or Norway: they are like our common pied wagtails, except for their grey back and crown, which are jet-black in the pied wagtail. More blackbirds are singing, and the brown females are looking for nest-sites in holly or thick ivy. Some songthrushes have started building: early nests of this species are often in bare hawthorn hedges, and are soon robbed by magpies and carrion crows.

Curlews are back on wet moorland, and their trilling song can be heard from far away. Partridge are gathering in the fields: the cock birds fight, and make a loud creaking call, like an oar turning in a rowlock.

The Partridge

Leaves have held back in the cold weather, but alder catkins are turning yellow as they fill with pollen. On ash trees, the brown seed-keys have survived all the winter storms, and still hang in clusters among the swelling black buds. Daisies are out on garden lawns, and lesser celandines under garden walls. Frogs are spawning: there are often a thousand or more eggs in a single jelly-like clump, floating in the water of a small pond.

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OBITUARY

PROF PETER WILDY

Genetics of herpes viruses

Professor Peter Wildy, FRSE, virologist, died on March 10. He was 66.

Norman Peter Leete Wildy was born on March 31, 1920. He was educated at Eastbourne College and Caius College, Cambridge, before going to St Thomas's Hospital, London, to complete his medical training.

He qualified in 1944 and joined the RAMC the following year. In 1947 he returned to the bacteriology department at St Thomas's Hospital Medical School, first as a research fellow and, later, as senior lecturer.

His early work was on bacteriology, but he soon turned to the developing field of virology, an interest that was confirmed by a year spent with Sir Macfarlane Burnet at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, Melbourne.

There, Wildy carried out some pioneering genetic experiments with viruses which were the forerunners of genetic analysis of viruses from humans and animals.

In 1959 he left London to join Professor (now Sir) Michael Stoker in setting up a new institute of virology at Glasgow University. He was senior lecturer in virology there, and honorary assistant director of the Medical Research Council's unit for experimental virus research until 1963.

As well as founding the institute, he was the originator of one of the country's first major schools of research on herpes viruses. He was elected to the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1962.

The next year Wildy was appointed to the chair of bacteriology (later changed to virology) at Birmingham University. Though much of his time was taken up in medical school organization and teaching, he soon created in Birmingham one of the foremost facilities for advanced teaching and research in virology.

His work on the genetics of herpes viruses continued, but by now Wildy was also becoming a figure of international repute in another field: virus taxonomy. This stemmed from his involvement in some of the very early studies of virus structure carried out with doctors Brenner and Horn during a brief period in Cambridge in 1958.

His interest in virus classification grew, and with Sir Christopher Andrews, Dr André Lwoff and a few others he became one of a small group of international experts who produced the definitive taxonomic systems used by virologists today.

He was, for a time, president of the Society for General Microbiology. More recently he was a member of the genetic manipulation advisory group and on the advisory committee on dangerous pathogens.

In 1975 he accepted the chair of pathology at Cambridge, becoming, at the same time, a fellow of Gonville and Caius. Though financial limitations were severe, he wasted no time in building a pathology department of great breadth and distinction.

He was, variously, chairman of the Houghton Poultry Research Station and president of the Cambridge society for the promotion of comparative medicine. In recognition of his veterinary research he was made an honourary associate of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, an honour he much valued.

One of his last contributions, and one he considered of great importance, was the chairmanship of the Agricultural and Food Research Council and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food working party to review public sector funded research and development in farm animal disease. The report from this body was submitted a few weeks before his death.

Wildy was a man of extraordinary charm and character. This, together with a deep humanity, made him a magnet for all with problems and worries, and for many others who simply took pleasure in his company.

He was a natural teacher, honest but never unkind. He was also an original thinker and experimental research worker whose generosity to others often resulted in lack of credit where it was really due.

He married, in 1945, Joan Kenion. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

MR DENIS TEGETMEIER

It was no doubt partly on account of his legendary modesty that Denis Tegetmeier, who died on March 6 at the age of 91, was generally known as Eric Gill's son-in-law. However, he is an interesting artist in his own right, and a comic draughtsman of skill and individuality.

He was born at Hampstead on June 9, 1895. He set out with few artistic ambitions, getting a job with an advertising agency at the age of 17.

He joined up in 1914, had "a good war", and in 1919 entered the Central School on an ex-serviceman's grant. The most influential meeting of his life was with Eric Gill in 1920.

Much taken with Gill's personality and example, he was received into the Roman Catholic Church in 1922, and worked for Gill on various jobs as the humblest of practical assistants.

From 1924 to 1927 he worked in London as a freelance characterist and cartoonist. But, after periodic visits to Gill's Ditchling Community, he settled at Pigotts, near High Wycombe, in 1928, as part of Gill's new craftsmen community, and married Gill's second daughter, Petra, in 1930.

During the 1930s he illustrated many books, including his own album, introduced by Gill, *The Seven Deadly Virtues*; the Golden Cockerell editions of Fielding's *A Journey from This World to the Next* and *Jonathan Wild*; and the Limited Editions Club's *A Sentimental Journey*.

He also, in 1941, engraved on copper Gill's drawings for the Golden Cockerell volume *Glue and Lacquer*.

Until 1968 he continued to work at Pigotts, but when lack of funds forced closure of the operation he and his wife moved to Wiltshire, where he seriously took up painting, in oils and watercolour, for the first time.

He leaves his widow and their six children.

DR BERNHARD GRZIMEK

Dr Bernhard Grzimek, zoologist and protector of wildlife, died on March 13. He was 77.

He studied veterinary medicine and zoology at Leipzig University, working on poultry and cattle diseases.

In 1945 he became director of Frankfurt Zoo. He immediately gave the animals more space and made the zoo a commercial success. But his detractors accused him of running not so much a zoo as a circus.

His son, Michael, was of one mind with his father, and they made frequent trips to Tanganyika's Serengeti National Park to gather specimens for the zoo. But they found a sanctuary in name only: wardens were too few and poaching was rife.

Learning to fly, they took to the skies with their cameras. Their first effort, *No Room for Wild Animals*, won an award at the 1956 Berlin Film Festival. The film makes powerful use of colour, especially in the close-up, the screen often filled with only the eyes of the beast.

Next came the popular *Serengeti Shall Not Die*, which won an Oscar in 1960 for the best documentary. The book of the same name was an international best-seller.

Avoiding the political and racial aspects surrounding Serengeti, it is simply a graphic account of two dedicated men who, in their aeroplane, tree-hopped above the grasslands, counting animals and dive-bombing poachers.

It was a passionate crusade, but its end was tragic: Michael Grzimek met his death when the wing of their aeroplane hit a vulture. (Grzimek senior later married his son's wife.)

In 1960 Grzimek helped launch the magazine *Das Tier* (The Animal), whose first issue was adorned with a blue-nosed orang-outang. In presentation it was pure entertainment, but it was also refreshingly free of the anthropomorphic nonsense which turns much writing about animals into syrup.

Grzimek was a gifted photographer, and his pictures lavishly illustrate his later works: *Rhino Belong to Everybody* and *Among Animals of Africa*. Not only do they bear witness to patient stalking, but many are stunningly beautiful and go well beyond a mere record of African game.

He was honorary keeper of the Tanzania National Wildlife Park and governor of the Mweka Wildlife Management College in East Africa. He retired from Frankfurt Zoo in 1973, and spent increasingly longer periods among the animals of the African bush.

MISS CYNTHIA BATTY

Miss Cynthia Batty, long-serving secretary of Eton College, died on February 28. She was 77.

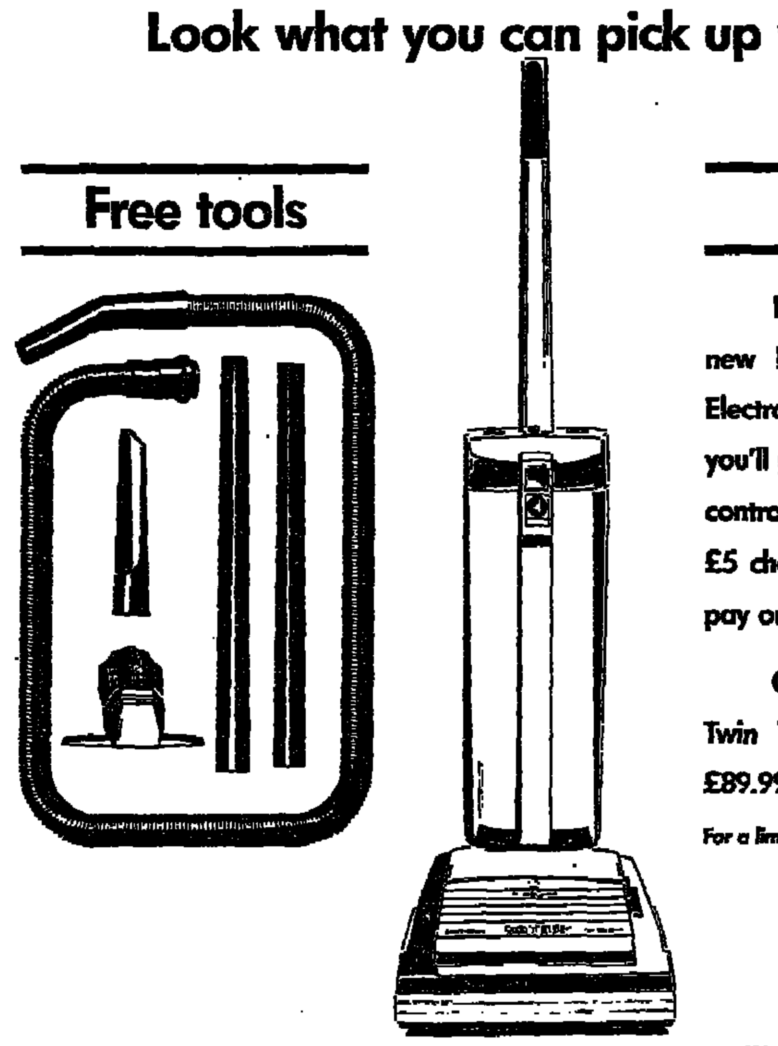
A friend writes:

Cynthia Batty came from a well-known and extremely able North Country family. After some years with Seebohm Rowntree, she accepted, in 1936, a temporary, three-week appointment as secretary to Claude Elliott, headmaster of Eton.

In the event, she remained, for 30 years, latterly as school secretary, at the centre of a predominantly male society.

She was masterly in drafting the minutes of endless committees, and it was not unknown for her to write on both sides of a correspondence, putting each case with equal clarity.

The organization of the entry into Eton of boys who had not, at birth, been given a place on a house list, also came under her wing. In this capacity, she was able to help many anxious parents.



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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

It is the duty of priests to teach the true knowledge of God. People should go to them to learn my will, because they are the messengers of the Almighty.

Malachi 2 : 7

BIRTHS

ANCELL - On March 6th, to Valerie (nee Housman) and Paul, a daughter, Emma Elizabeth Kendrick.

ASKHAM - On March 7th at Norwich to Catherine (née Desore) and Tim, a son George Henry Charles.

BAYLISS-BROWN - On March 6th, at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Henrietta (née James ap John) and Philip, a son, William Bartholomew.

BRETT - On March 8th, in Belfast, Karen (née Williams) and Adam, a daughter, Elinor Zaida Elizabeth.

CLEMENTS - On March 14th at Treliske Hospital Truro, to Sharon (née Marrison) and Bruce, the gift of a son, Maxwell Henry.

MATHESON - On March 13th 1987, to Katharine and Alexander, a son.

MILLS - On March 3rd, to Jane (née Simm) and Charles, a son, Oliver Marcus, a brother for Christopher.

RIBEIRO - On 13th March 1987 to Jane (nee Tykocki) and Dominic a son Matthew Francis Dennis.

SPENDLOVE - On March 8th 1987, to Tessa (née Olliver) and Peter, a daughter, Rosanna Lucy, a sister for Fenella.

THOMAS - On March 10th 1987 to Keri and Mark of Gomersal, a son Ben, a brother for Megan.

WILSON - On February 11th to Joanna (née Badgett) and Antony, a daughter, (Zoë Mary Anne) a sister for Alexandra.

DEATHS

BUTLER - On March 12th 1987, both peacefully at home in Bath, James Dighton, late of Probyn's Horse XV/XIX The King's Royal Hussars, and his wife Pamela Elizabeth, beloved parents of Jennifer, Rosemary, James and Bob, and very much loved by their 9 grandchildren. Family funeral at Calverleigh Church, Tiverton, Devon, on Wednesday 18th March, at 3.00 pm. Memorial Service at a later date to be advised. Family flowers only please. All correspondence to James Butler, Post Cottage, Templeton, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 6PE.

DOBSON - On March 12th 1987, Major General A.H.G. Dobson, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., B.A., late Royal Engineers, of Farnham, Surrey, aged 75 years. Dearly beloved husband of Noni, very dear father of Mark, Keith, Antoinette, Henriette and dear Grand father of Paul and Iain, Karin and Gregory, and Thomas. Funeral service at Aldershot Garrison Church, on Tuesday March 17th at 3.30 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: The Royal Engineers Benevolent Fund.

ERCOLANI - On Friday March 13th, Victor in his 88th year, peacefully at his home, Broad Oaks, Chigwell, Essex. Husband of his beloved wife Margaret, recently preceeded him also to rest in peace. Much loved uncle of Lucian, Roma, Barry and Celia. Funeral at City of London Crematorium 11.30 am Friday 20th March. Prefer family flowers only, if so wished donations to Invalid Childrens Aide, Allen Graham House, 198 City Road, London EC1V 2PH.

EVERALL - On March 11th 1987, suddenly at home, John much loved husband of Jean and father of Peter and Diana. Cremation private. Memorial service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield at 2.30pm on Thursday 26th March 1987.

GAFFRAN - On March 11th, 1987 peacefully at home, Charlotte beloved sister of Gretel. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium. On Monday March 23rd at 2.00pm.

HOCKLEY - On March 2nd 1987 peacefully Clifford Hockley of Calcutta and Ealing. Funeral has taken place in India.

MILLER - On March 11th 1987, suddenly at St. Bartholomews Hospital, London, Anthony Richard (Tony) ex. Surrey and England Table Tennis player, beloved husband and father, who will be sadly missed. Funeral service Friday March 20th, at the Church of The Holy Name, Arbrook Lane, Esher, at 12 noon, followed by burial at Long Ditton Lawn. Flowers if desired to F.W.Paine, 108 High Street, Esher, Surrey.

NIXON - On March 12th, suddenly and peacefully at his home, Colonel Arthur Nixon (R.E. retired), very dear husband of Maya and much loved by all who knew him and is sadly missed. Funeral Service at St. Peter's, Newenden, 2.30pm March 24th followed by cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only please and, if desired, donations to Royal Engineers Charitable Fund c/o T.W. Foggie & Son, 20 Ashford Road, Tenterden, Kent.

OWEN - On March 13th, peacefully at home, after a long illness, borne with great courage and dignity, Thelma Margaret (née Gunton) devoted mother of Sandra, Karen, David and loving wife of John. She lived her life for others. Loved by all who knew her. She will be deeply missed. Funeral Service at Christ Church, 7 The Green, Southgate, London N14 at 2.30pm on Wednesday March 18th, followed by cremation at New Southgate Crematorium. Flowers or donations in aid of Imperial Cancer Research Fund, may be sent to W. Nodes Funeral Director, 98 Crown Lane, Southgate, N14 (01-886 0122) in whose private chapel she is now

PHILLIPS - On March 14th 1987 peacefully after a short and unexpected illness, Professor John Guest Phillips FRS, aged 83, Vice Chancellor of Loughborough University. Darling husband of Jacqueline, best friend and father of Adrian and Justin.

SHEPHERD - On March 12th peacefully in Edinburgh, Elaine, until recently of Chislehurst, much beloved wife of Rae mother of Christine and Cynthia and five-fold grandmother. Private funeral on March 21st. Donations to St. Raphael's Nursing Home, 6 Blackford Avenue, Edinburgh.

SPRATT - On 13th March, peacefully in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, Dr Leslie William, beloved husband of the late Gladys and much loved father of Jennifer, Brenda and Pamela. Service on Friday 20th March at St. John's Church, Merrow, Guildford at 11.30 am followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium. Flowers to Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford or donations to Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford.

WILLIAMS - On March 13th 1987, suddenly at home, Group Captain Mervyn Francis Douglas (Willy) Williams, C.B.E., D.S.O., R.A.F. (retired), aged 78 years, beloved husband and best friend of Jane. Family flowers only by his personal request, but donations, if desired, to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, c/o Phillips Funeral Service Ltd, 68 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts. Tel:0727 51006.

WOODWARD - On March 15th in Mahaesak Hospital, Bangkok, Raymond A. (Rex), beloved brother of Hazel.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLACK - A Thanksgiving Service for Keith Black, formerly General Manager, Municipal Mutual Insurance, will be held at St. Martin's-within-Ludgate, Thursday, 19th March, at 11.00am.

GARVEY - A Service in Thanksgiving for the life of Terence Garvey will be held tomorrow, St. Patricks Day, at The Priory Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, West Smithfield at 5pm.

VON FURER-HAIMENDORF - A Requiem Mass for Elizabeth von Furer-Haimendorf will be celebrated in The Church of St Anselm and St Cecilia in Kingsway (corner of Twyford Place) WC2 (close to Holborn Underground) on Tuesday 24th March at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

CRACKNELL - In ever loving memory of Freda, dearly beloved first wife of Desmond and mother of Valerie, Vivienne, Roger and Victor, who passed away on March 16th 1980. Our brave, brave 'wee one' now safe in the arms of God.

GOODHART, Lt Charles Francis, 1st Bt Royal Sussex Regiment, killed 16th March 1937 whilst on duty in Palestine. Only son of the late Sir Ernest Goodhart Bt. A gentle soldier and a beloved friend.

S.R.D Barrister at law died, March 15th 1986, in grateful and enduring memory. Joan Ernestine.

Science report

Hazard of pesticides concentrated in fog

By a Special Correspondent

People living in agricultural areas have good reason to beware of fog. According to scientists at the Agricultural Environmental Institute in Maryland, United States, and the University of California, it concentrates pesticides, spreads them over a wide area and then deposits them where they were never intended.

One of the chemicals found has already proved highly toxic to humans. Coming after the discovery of excessive acidity in fog, this contributes even more to fears that fog spreads and intensifies many different kinds of air pollution.

Pesticides are so fond of fog that they appear to break the laws of chemistry to bind with it. According to such laws, the concentrations of pesticides in water droplets suspended in fog should be much lower than they are.

What is more, some pesticides do not normally mix with water at all easily, which further deepens the mystery. Other organic substances in the fog may have helped them dissolve, but this is merely a hypothesis.

Whatever the hidden chemical mechanism, the 16 pesticides found in fog on several sites in California and Maryland had managed, in some cases, to form concentrations hundreds of times greater than those found in rain water. Some insecticides were present in an extra-toxic, highly oxygenated form.

One of these, paraoxon, was so toxic it could have killed any pest in the fog as effectively as in the nearby vineyards where it was originally applied.

Paraoxon is a derivative of parathion, an insecticide that has caused deaths among people who were accidentally exposed to it while spraying crops. This is the first time it has been shown that pollution carried by fog can actually threaten human as well as plant life.

Further research is needed to establish what other pollutants may spread under the cloak of fog and why it concentrates them to such an extent.

Source: *Nature*, February 12, 1987. A.J. McArthur, School of Agriculture, Nottingham University.

Royal Society of Edinburgh

The following have been elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh:

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The following have been elected honorary fellows:

Professor F A Cotton, Texas A&M University; Professor J K Hale, Brown University, Providence, US; and Professor K H Rechinger, Hofrat University, Austria.

University news

The founder principal of Linacre College, Oxford, Mr John Bamborough, has announced his retirement.

He will be stepping down as head of the all-graduate college in the summer of 1988.

Mr Bamborough has been principal at Linacre since helping to set it up as a university department in 1962.

Latest wills

Mr Maurice James Handford, of Codford St Peter, Wiltshire, staff conductor with the City of Birmingham Orchestra 1970-74, left estate valued at £185,702 net.

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Parliament this week

Commons

Today (2.30): Immigration (Carriers' Liability) Bill, second reading.
Tomorrow (2.30): The Budget.
Wednesday (2.30) and Thursday (2.30): Debate on the Budget.
Friday (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on law and order.

Lords

Today (2.30): Banking Bill, committee, first day.
Tomorrow (2.30): Abolition of Domestic Rates Etc (Scotland) Bill, second reading.
Wednesday (2.30): Debates on the Croham report on the University Grants Committee and on curbing the increasing exposure of the professions to civil liability.
Thursday (3): Consumer Protection Bill, third reading. Patents (Amendment) Bill, committee, second day.

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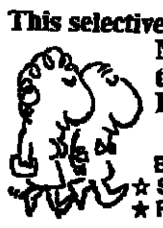

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☆ **BREAKING THE CODE:** *Riveting* performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic *Alan Turing, wartime* computer genius and homosexual. ***Haymarket Theatre***, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed and Sat 3-5.30pm, *£4*-£13.50.

☆ **DECADENCE:** Revival of Steven Berkoff's ferocious study of the *upper classes. With Linda Marlowe*. Limited season, proving very popular
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-836 3028). *Tube: Leicester Square*. Mon-Sat 8.30-10.10pm, matinée *Sat 5-6.40pm*, £4.50-£10.50, until April 25.

☆ ***THE HENRYS: Michael*** Bogdanov's impressive productions of Shakespeare's Henry plays, with Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V, and John *Woodvine as* Falstaff.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. *Henry IV part 1* Mon and Tues 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 10.30am-1.30pm, *Henry IV part 2 Wed 2.30-5.30pm and 7.30*-10.30pm, Sat 3-6pm, *Henry V* Thurs *and* Sat 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 7.45-10.45pm, £3-£10.50 (special ticket for all three plays £24), until May 2.

☆ **SCOUT'S HONOUR:** Left-wing council inherits fascist money and farcical results ensue. Often hilarious.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, London W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: *Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm*, matinée Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10, until March 28.

☆ **SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH *OF AN AUTHOR:*** *Previews of* Pirandello's most famous play; powerful mix of metaphysics and theatrical shocks.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 *(01-928 2252)*. Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.15-*9.30pm, £5.50-£9*.

☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO *SCREAM AND SHOUT:*** *Geraldine* James and Julie Walters as two *adolescent* girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 *(01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565)*. Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. *Mon-Thurs* 8-10.10pm, *Fri* and Sat 8.45-10.55pm, matinée Fri and Sat 6.30-8.10pm, £7.50-£13.50.

OUT OF TOWN

BOLTON: ☆ **Black Star:** New play by David Pownall about Ira *Aldridge*, the first great black actor, meeting prejudice and censorship *on his Polish tour*.
Octagon Theatre, Howell Croft South (0204 20661), Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, £2.20-£4.50, until April 4.

BRISTOL: ☆ ***The Doctor's Dilemma:*** Shaw's fun at the expense of the medics is still full of laughs even if the plot feels more like an Edwardian soap.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 24388), Mon-Wed 7.15-*10.40pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45-11.05pm*, £1.70-£7.50, until March 28.

CAMBRIDGE: ☆ ***Peer Gynt:*** Cambridge Theatre Company returns to base with Michael Maloney playing Ibsen's feckless hero.
Arts Theatre, Peas Hill (0223 352000). Mon-Sat 8-10pm, matinée *Sat 4.30-6.30pm, £6-£6.50, until* March 28.

LEEDS: ☆ ***Pravda: Philip Voss*** plays the colonial newspaper tycoon in a famous tale of old Fleet Street.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon *and* Tues 8-10.40pm, Wed-Sat 7.30-*10.10pm, £4-£5.50, until April 4.*

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Alchemist:** *Ben* Jonson's sharp comedy of dupes and swindlers in Jacobean London.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833) Mon-Thurs 7.30-10.25pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.55pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.20pm, Sat 4-6.50pm. £2.50-£9, until March 28.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **It's a Bit Lively Outside:** Joyce Holliday weaves together songs and true stories to celebrate daily life in Sheffield during the Blitz.
Crucible Theatre, *55 Norfolk Street* (0742 769922), *Mon*-Sat 7.30-*10pm, £3.50-£5.50, until March 28.*

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Rat in the Skull:** *Revised version of Ron* Hutchinson's play about how an *Irish bomber suspect* came to be injured in a police cell.
Crucible Theatre Studio, 55 Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3.50, until March 21.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) ... ★ ***Cats:*** *New London* Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) ... ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) ... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 *or 01-240 9066/7*) ... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi *Theatre* (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) ... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, *cc 01-379 6433*) ... ☆ ***No Sex, Please, We're British:*** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) ... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) ... ☆ **Run for *your Wife:*** *Criterion Theatre (01-*930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) ... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) ... ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) ... ☆ **Time:** *Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc* 01-836 2428).

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
⊠ **Advance booking possible**

CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15): Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as *the teacher of deaf adolescents* emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin). Nominated for five Oscars (113 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 *2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00*, 6.00, 9.00.
⊠ ***Empire Leicester Square*** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **THE COLOR OF MONEY (15):** *Paul Newman returns to the pool* table in a belated sequel to *The Hustler*. Martin Scorsese works hard whipping up excitement as Fast Eddie Nelson tries to get back *into the game, spurred by jealousy* of a young protégé played by Tom Cruise (*119 min*).

As usual Eric Rohmer delights in dissecting the emotional *states of his characters*, but with *The Green Ray* he has *taken* the *unusual* step of allowing his people to improvise their *dialogue*. The result is just as psychologically exact as ever, with the added immediacy of a heroine laying bare the devices and desires of her own heart. Stepping lightly between Paris, the mountains and Biarritz, Rohmer once again uses the peculiarities of location and weather as deciding factors in his heroine's decisions.

Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.40, 8.35.
⊠ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252, cc 01-930 7615). Progs 12.25, 3.10, 6.00, 8.55.
⊠ ***Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644*, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.30, 5.00, *8.10*.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.10, 8.10.

DEADLY FRIEND (18): Exuberant, *tongue-in-cheek horror romp from* the director of *A Nightmare on Elm Street*. With Kirsty Swanson as the battered daughter given a robot's brain by a teenaged Dr Frankenstein (90 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). *Progs* 2.30, 4.35, 6.40, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.40, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.25, 4.30, *6.35, 8.40*.

DUET FOR ONE (15): Julie Andrews tackles both the violin and emotional traumas in Tom Kempinski's adaptation of his famous play about a musician struck down by *multiple sclerosis* (107 min).
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 *2636, cc 01-373 6990*). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.45.
⊠ ***Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue*** (01-836 8861). Progs 2.30, 5.35, 8.20.

THE GREEN RAY (PG): *Connoisseurs of Eric Rohmer's* work will recognize both actress Marie Riviere and the predicament of her character as she labours mightily over affairs of the heart. *Winner of last year's Venice Film* Festival prize (98 min).
⊠ **Chelsea Cinema** (01-351 3742). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.
⊠ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs *2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45*.

THE HUSTLER (18): Robert Rossen's classic film revived to coincide with *The Color of Money*. *With Paul Newman as the pool* room conman determined to *challenge Minnesota Fats* (Jackie Gleason); from the novel by Walter Tevis.
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647) Progs 6.00, 8.30.

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei Tarkovsky's testament — a starkly beautiful parable, shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the *intellectual hero facing the world's* end (149 min).
⊠ ***Minema*** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 6.15, 9.00.
⊠ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 5.05, 8.10.

■ **SALVADOR (18):** Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, *James Belushi (123 min)*.
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 3.00, 5.45, 8.15.
⊠ Screen at the Electric (01-229 3694). Progs 3.50, 6.20, 8.40.
⊠ Warner West End (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, *5.50, 8.20*.

SHE'S GOTTA HAVE IT (18): Cheeky, rough and ready American independent film about the sexual *adventures of a black girl in* Brooklyn. Written and directed by Spike Lee (84 min).
⊠ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 3.00, 4.30, 6.05, 7.40, 9.25.
Metro *(01-437 0757). Progs 3.00*, 5.00, 7.10, 9.20.
⊠ ***Screen on the Green*** *(01-226* 3520). Progs 3.40, 5.25, 7.20, 9.15.

***STAND BY ME* (15):** The adventures of four small-town *adolescent* boys *in the summer of* 1959. Based on Stephen King's short novel, *The Body*, the film has a sound track decorated with period pop tunes. Directed by Rob Reiner (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.10, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, *6.35, 8.35*.

■ **TRICK OR TREAT (18):** A dead rock star of limited talent comes back to life to avenge his critics — *an endearing premise raucously* developed. With Marc Price and Tony Fields; directed by the actor Charles Martin Smith (98 min).
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). *Progs 1.50, 4.40, 7.35*.

■ **WHOOPS APOCALYPSE (15):** Determinedly outrageous and undisciplined comedy lampooning *international politics. Based on the* TV series. With Peter Cook, Rik Mayall and Alexei Sayle (91 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.30, 10.35.

When 57-year-old painter Ilya Glazunov had an exhibition last summer, thousands queued every day outside Moscow's Manege State Exhibition Hall to see the 600 works, for Glazunov is the USSR's most famous living artist. In spite of his popularity, he is not recognized by the Soviet art authorities because, it is claimed, he refused to adopt social realism, the Communist Party house style. Given the evidence of his work, there would appear to be little substance to this allegation. Glazunov may not paint laughing collective farmers hopping around the maypole, but his winsome style and folklore subjects are hardly anti-Soviet. If they were, presumably his paintings would not be allowed to tour, as they are now, to major destinations in Western Europe. Liberal Soviet intellectuals do not like his paintings either, because they are not abstract. They have even accused Glazunov of being a KGB agent because, despite official denunciation of his work, he travels freely around the world, painting celebrity portraits of, among others, Gina Lollobrigida and Mrs Gandhi and, above, of himself. Two hundred paintings and drawings from his prodigious output are on show from today in the Concourse Gallery, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-638 4141) until April 20.
David Lee

WIVES TEN YEARS AFTER (15): Three wives assess their lives and husbands during a Christmas binge *in Oslo. Sequel to the 1975* Norwegian comedy hit *Wives*, with *the same* cast, and director — Anja Breien (88min).
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

OPERA

☆ **RIGOLETTO:** Puppets rule the puppet-masters in Opera 80's new touring *production, still going* strong.
Civic Theatre, Parkgate, Darlington (0325 486555), 7.30-10.15pm, £4-£6.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FASCHINGSSCHWANK/ FANTASY:** A fine lunchtime programme *by Janina Fialkowska* contains Schumann's *Faschingsschwank aus Wien*, Mendelssohn's Fantasy Op 28 and Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 110.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **BAX/BOWEN:** Jean Cockburn plays Bax's Clarinet Sonata, York Bowen's Clarinet Sonata and pieces by Schumann. Lydia *Newlands is at the piano.*
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-1.55pm, free.

☆ ***HARMONIE UNIVERSALLE:*** Playing baroque instruments, the Harmonie Universalle ensemble performs Boismortier's Sonata for Flute and Violin, Kropsgans's *Concerto for Lute, Louis de Caix* d'Hervelois's Suite for Viols and *J. S. Bach's* Trio Sonata in G.
American Church in London, 79 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (01-580 2791), 1.05-1.50pm, free.

☆ **BEETHOVEN/BLOCH:** The Auriol String Quartet offers Beethoven's Quartet Op 59 No 2, Ernest Bloch's *In the Mountains and Rustic Dance*.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-769 2677), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆ ***BEETHOVEN/TCHAIKOVSKY:*** The Trio Atalanta provides an *unusual opportunity of hearing* both of Beethoven's Piano Trios Op 70 Nos 1 and 2 together. And to them they add Tchaikovsky's outsize Trio Op 50.
Wigmore Hall, *36 Wigmore Street*, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ **NORDIC MUSIC:** The Capricorn Ensemble *begins* its Nordic Music series with a whole sheaf of UK premieres, including Edlund's *Trio Sun*, Thommesen's *Scherzotonia/Scherzofrenia*, Kalpainen's Piano Trio, Sandström's *Out of* and Ruders's *Vox in Rama*.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £2-£4.

☆ **PAUL TORTELIER:** The great cellist gives his only London recital this season, playing Bach's Suite No 3, Beethoven's Variations on a Theme from Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte, Debussy's Sonata*, Sarasate's *Zapateado* and his own *Mon Cirque*.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.30pm, £5-£12.50.

☆ **PURCELL PUPILS:** The Purcell School Orchestra is conducted by Colin Durrant in Brahms's Handel Variations, Ravel's *Tombeau de Couperin*, Bach's Oboe Concerto *BWV 49/169 (soloist Nicholas* Daniel) and the London premiere of John McCabe's *Mary Queen of Scots* Ballet Suite.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45-9.45pm, £2.50-£6.

DANCE

☆ ***COPPELIA:*** *Sadler's Wells Royal* Ballet in Peter Wright's colourful production of the popular work by Delibes.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, *Birmingham (021 622 7486), 7.30*-9.45pm, £5-£13.

JAZZ

☆ ***JACK WALRATH:*** *Best known* for his work with Charles Mingus, the American trumpeter is touring with a British quartet, Spirit Level.
Four Bars Inn, Cardiff (0222 374961), 8.15pm, £4.

☆ **MARIAN MONTGOMERY:** Stylish jazz-inflected singer, accompanied by her pianist husband, Laurie Holloway. The Iains — alias the Iain Ballamy *Quartet, featuring Django Bates* — share the bill.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

ROCK

★ ***LIONEL RICHIE:*** First night of an extensive European tour for the *singer who has achieved* outstanding international recognition both with The Commodores and, since 1981, as a solo star. London dates are scheduled for May.
NEC, Birmingham B40 (021 780 *4133), 7pm, £12.50-£15.50 for three* nights.

☆ **KODO:** *Start of a season for this* extraordinary Japanese company. *With breathtaking power* and precision they build walls of *polyrhythmic sound* using an arsenal of exotic, traditional percussion instruments.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30pm, £3.50-£11.00 (various discounts), *until* March 28.

☆ **THE STRANGLERS:** The men in black are doing a handful of low-key shows to limber up for the start of their British tour on Wednesday. Support for this gig is the much vaunted power-pop combo Hurrah!
Warwick University SU, *Gibbet Hill*, Coventry (0203 417220), 8pm, £6.

☆ **THE POGUES:** Shameless shenanigans with the gormless Shane McGowan and his chums, who are previewing new material *from their forthcoming album*.
Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 53193), 7pm, £5.50-£6.

GALLERIES

SARGY MANN: The first one-man show in 10 years for a landscape painter who evokes atmosphere *rather than describes fact*.
Cadogan Contemporary, 108 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 (01-581 5451), Mon-Fri 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until April 4.

A. R. PENCK: The less well-known bronze sculptures by an *internationally acclaimed* East German painter of stick-men and *magic symbols, now resident in* London.
The Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh (031 225 2383), Tues-Sat 10am-5.30pm, free, until April 25.

HAIR RAISING: An exhibition about bygone hairstyles, many of them as bizzare as punkish ones today, *combed from the history of western* and oriental art.
Whitworth Art Gallery, Whitworth Park, Manchester (061 273 4865), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Thurs 10am-9pm, free, until May 9.

MERVYN PEAKE: More than 600 drawings and illustrations as well as 35 rare paintings by the fantastical artist and novelist.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, *London SE1 (01-921 0600)*, Daily 10am-11pm, free, until April 12.

114TH ANNUAL WATERCOLOUR *EXHIBITION:* *The highlights this* year are a group of previously unexhibited Turner watercolours and six landscape drawings by Gainsborough.
Agnew, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 6176), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, *Thurs 9.30am*-7pm, free, until April 3.

MYLES BIRKET FOSTER (1825-1899): Watercolours depicting *idealized country scenes by an* artist who is returning to fashion after half a century of neglect.
Richard Green, 39 Dover Street, London W1 (01-493 3939), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, until March 31.

TONY CRAGG: Recent pictures by a British-born sculptor who lives in Germany and who *makes* work from scrap materials found on the *banks of the Rhine*.
Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (01-261 0127), Mon-Wed 10am-8pm, Thurs-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun noon-6pm, £3, until June 7.

WALKS

ROMAN LONDON — THE ORIGINS *OF THE CITY:* *meet Museum of* London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON **1666:** meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £2.50. Ends in a pub.

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £2.50.

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS — POOR ALLEYS AMID WEALTH: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

TALKS

17th AND 18TH-CENTURY DRINKING GLASSES: Jeanette Hayhurst, *a member* of the Glass Association, lectures on how to date drinking glasses and identify factory reproductions.
Norland Interiors, 124 Holland Park *Avenue, London W11 (01-221* 6735), 7pm, £17.50 which includes a glass of wine and fork supper.

IS DEMOCRACY WORKING IN *BRITAIN?:* Talk by *Mrs Anne Sofer*. **Royal Holloway and Bedford New College**, University of London (Founder's Building), Egham Hill, Egham Surrey (0784 34455), 5.15pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

HEATHER ANGEL'S NATURE IN FOCUS: Tour exhibition from Wales, 46 photographs of lowlands, *uplands, woodlands*, wetlands and other rural Welsh habitats, all taken by *Heather* Angel, elected president of the Royal *Photographic* Society in 1984.
Natural History Museum: Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323), *Mon-Sat 10am-6pm*, Sun 2.30-6pm, until May 25, free.

ELECTIONS IN BRAZIL: Leaflets and posters from the November 1986 *Brazilian elections* which illustrate the wide range of social *movements*, political parties and particular candidates who took part.
British Library, Official Publications and Social Sciences Reading Room, Great Russell *Street*, London, WC1 (01-636 1544), Mon-Sat 10.30am-4pm, *until* March 31, free.

BL TAPE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: Birds and animals in medieval *manuscripts* (11am), *manuscripts in* the East Anglian period (12.30pm), *medieval psalters* (2pm).
British Library, Seminar Room, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544).

SIAMSE COIS UISCE: Literary evening of prize-winning poetry and fiction with Desmond Hogan and Paul Durcan. Also last chance to see *The Outcasts* — a highly-praised *film about superstition in* 19th-century rural Ireland, directed by Robert Wynne-Simmons.
Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex (01-568 1176). Poetry evening 8pm, adults £3, child £2.50. Film at 4pm, *6.15pm, 8.30pm*. Adult £2.80, child £1.80.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL: *Booking for this year's festival at* Worcester, which celebrates *anniversaries of Borodin, Gershwin* and Szymanowski, with apperances by Antal Dorati, Edward Downes, Early Music Group, and Penderecki conducting his own *Te Deum*. August 22-29. Booking forms from Festival Office, 8 Park *View Terace, Worcester* (0905 613988). Booking office: 8 College Yard, Worcester.

PETER PEARS MEMORIAL *CONCERT:* *English Chamber* Orchestra under Stuart Bedford give first performance *of Inquietus* by Robin Holloway; plus *first* performance of an unpublished movement of Britten's Serenade *Now Sleeps The Crimson Petal*. *April 3*.
Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1. Tickets: Aldeburgh Foundation, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (072 885 3543).

STEFAN ZWEIG SERIES: Booking for annual series of concerts, lectures and exhibitions in response to gift of autographs and manuscripts of Austrian writer Stefan Zweig; and talks on Zweig *and autograph collecting, plus* concerts at the Wigmore Hall with Lindsay String Quartet, Hilliard Ensemble and Christa Ludwig. From April 15. Details from British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-323 7111).

LAST CHANCE

SIEGFRIED SASSOON: Peter Barkworth in story of young soldier poet. Ends Saturday.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 2663, cc 01-434 3598).

PRINTMAKERS COUNCIL *EXHIBITION:* *Exhibition of* printmaking showing range of techniques including representational and abstract subjects with explanations of techniques used. Until Saturday.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, *Manchester (061 833 9833)*.

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly *draw for Premium Bond prizes are:* £100,000: **16YN 972366** (the winner comes from Derbyshire); £50,000: **17XP 983658** (London Borough of Barnet); £25,000: **28AW 205752** (Sussex).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** *Max Harrison*; **Opera:** *Hilary Finch*; **Rock:** David Sinclair; ***Jazz:*** *Richard Williams*; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** *David Lee*; ***Other Events:*** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** *Anne Whitehouse*.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending March 8 1987:

BBC 1

1	*EastEnders Thurs/Sun*	*25.55m*
2	EastEnders Tues/Sun	25.45m
3	Don't Wait Up	14.85m
4	One By One	13.25m
5	Bob's Full House	13.10m
6	*A Question of Sport*	*13.00m*
7	News/Weather Sun 21.30	12.95m
8	Antiques Roadshow	12.65m
9	Holiday '87 Tues/Wed	12.25m
10	Tomorrow's World	12.05m

ITV

1	Coronation Street Wed Granada	17.25m
2	Coronation Street Mon Granada	15.10m
3	News Sat 20.46 ITN	15.60m
4	Aspel And Company LWT	14.95m
5	Surprise, Surprise LWT	14.80m
6	Wish You Were Here Mon/Fri Thames	13.70m
7	This Is Your Life Thames	13.50m
7	The A Team ITV	13.50m
9	*Boon Central*	*12.40m*
10	Emmerdale Farm Tues Yorkshire	12.20m

BBC 2

1	*The First Eden*	*7.60m*
2	Forty Minutes	5.25m
3	Moonlighting	4.95m
4	The Silencers	4.80m
5	Heart of the Country	4.65m
6	*M A S H*	*4.20m*
6	Gardeners' World	4.20m
8	Lassie in Countdown	4.05m
8	Inappropriate Behaviour	4.05m
10	International Darts Sun 20.52	3.95m

Channel 4

1	Treasure Hunt	6.60m
2	Brookside Tues/Sat	6.40m
3	*Company of Wolves*	*5.90m*
4	Brookside Mon/Sat	5.55m
5	Victims for Victims	4.25m
6	The Waltons	3.70m
7	Countdown Thurs	3.65m
8	*Worzel Gummidge*	*3.50m*
9	Cheers	3.40m
10	Countdown Wed	3.30m

Breakfast television: The average *weekly figures* for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach — the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.3m (6.0m)
TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.8m (11.1m) Sat 2.9m (9.8m) Sun 4.5m
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891 Ton't 7.45 **PAUL TORTELIER** cello Geoffrey Pratley piano.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL 01-928 3191 CC 928 8800 Wednesday 7.45pm **LONDON MOZART PLAYERS.** Jane Glover. Haydn Symphony No.71; Sinfonia Concertante. Kreusser: Concerto for two clarinets, Op.35. Mozart: Symphony No.34.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tomor 7.30 The Mikado, Wed 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME. Perf now ends 10.45)

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/ 1911. Stdby Info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera) 65 amphi seats avail on the day Ton't 8.00 Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau CANCELLED. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Ariadne auf Naxos. "Edita Gruberova... the peerless Zerbinetta of the decade" F.T. "... Anna Tomowa-Sintow is Ariadne, every inch a tragic heroine" Guardian

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Sat Mat 2.30 Until 28 March **KODO DRUMMERS** from Japan

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO OCT 31 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 CC 379 6565/ Open All Hours 379 6433 (no bkg fee) REDUCED PRICE PREVS FROM WED. Opens Mar 24. Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri & Sat 7.30 & 9.30pm "A GLITTERING DIAMOND OF A SHOW" Ind. "AN AMAZING, EXUBERANT MUSICAL" Times Review MARCH OF THE FALSETTOS by William Finn. Also bookable through First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) 24hr 7 day.

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233, 01 741 9999 DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 6433 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123. OVER 100 PERFORMANCES

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards

APOLLO Shaftesbury Ave 01 437 2663 434 3598 cc First Call 24-hr 7 day 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 Red Price Prevs from March 25 Opens April 1st at 7.00 GEORGE COLE ANNA CARTERET in A PIECE OF MY MIND A new play by PETER NICHOLS Evgs 7.30 Sats 5.00 & 8.00 Wed Mats 2.30

APOLLO, Shaftesbury Av. 01-437 2663. 434 3598. CC First Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Until Sat. Ton't to Sat 8pm. Mats: Wed 3. Sat 5pm LAST FIVE DAYS TO SEE "One of the best one man shows in recent years" L Daily news PETER BARKWORTH in SIEGFRIED SASSOON

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 First Call CC (24hr) 240 7200 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from WH Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D.Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/ 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE Book now for new season starting 26 March MACBETH, ROMEO AND JULIET and RICHARD II. THE PIT Book now for new season starting 28 March COUNTRY DANCING by Nigel Williams, WORLDS APART by Jose Triana and SARCOPHAGUS by Vladimir Gubaryev.

COMEDY 930 2578 cc 240 7200/ 379 6433/ 741 9999 Grps 930 6123 SPIN OF THE WHEEL A CRACKER OF A SHOW! Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.30 Prevs from 2 Apr Opens 7 Apr 7pm

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 cc 240 7200 Grps 930 6123 HINGE AND BRACKET "A wonderfully funny duo" S.Tel Limited season - Ends 28 March Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Preview Thur, Fri, Sat 7.30 & March 23 to 25 at 7.30. Opens March 26 at 7.00. Then March 27 & 28 YERMA by Lorca, new version by Peter Luke.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433 All Hrs/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00, Thu mat 2.30, Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS LINDA HAYDEN ANITA GRAHAM SAM COX RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. ALL tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE Grp Sales 930 6123 or 741 9999, OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 DAVE CLARK's TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE CLIFF RICHARD AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eve for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T From Apr 13 DAVID CASSIDY as "The Rock Star" NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC Open All Hours 379 6565/6433 DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER "A performer of enormous zest and magnetism" Times as Billie Holiday in LADY DAY Written and directed by Stephen Stahl Latecomers cannot be admitted until the interval. Mon-Thur 8.00. Fri 8.30. Sat 4.00 & 8.30

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOKING NOW UNTIL 1988

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122/836 9837 24 Hr cc 240 7200 741 9999 379 6433 Grps 930 6123. Eves 8, Thu 3, Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award 1984 STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999. Red Price Prevs from Wed. Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mats Sat 3pm. Opens March 23 at 7pm NUNSENSE Starring HONOR BLACKMAN Anna Sharkey Pip Hinton Louise Gold Bronwen Stanway THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL

GARRICK 379 6107 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 741 9999 WILLIAM GAUNT (No Place Like Home) SUSIE BLAKE MICHAEL SHARVELL-MARTIN WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? By Ray Galton & John Antrobus Based on a story by Galton & Simpson Prevs from Apr 1. Opens Apr 14. Eves 8, Mats Tues 3, Sat 5

GLOBE 01-437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8pm. Sats 5.0 & 8.30 OBSERVER OLIVIER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 1986 GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT In Lorca's "Brilliant" Obs THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA with PATRICIA HAYES as Maria Josefa Nuria Espert - Best Director Standard Drama Awards '86

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc bkgs 01 741 9999 (no bkg fee) First Call 24 hrs 01 240 7200 (bkg fee). From Thur evenings 7.45 Mat Sat 2.30 (March 23 at 7.00) Chekhov's THREE SISTERS Trans. Michael Frayn

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7day cc bkgs 240 7200 379 6433 Open All Hours. Eves 8.00 Wed & Sat mats 3.00 DEREK JACOBI in "A Truly Mesmerising Performance" S.Times BREAKING THE CODE by HUGH WHITEMORE Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY...VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" S.Times

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now Booking to March '88 - Postal applications only. NB Casting subject to change APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 Until 28 March. Eves 7.45, Wed Mats 2.30, (no mat March 18). Sat Mats 4.00. SCOUT'S HONOUR by Christopher Douglas. "Strongly recommended" T Out LYRIC STUDIO as perf Ton't Sub Eves 8pm ARNOLD WESKER'S YARDSALE and WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BETTY LEMON with BRENDA BRUCE Brenda Bruce is "Magnificent" Gdn. "The Wesker compassion is evident" D Tel

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave. W1, 01 437 3686/7, 434 1550, 434 1050, 734 5166/ 7 Red price prev Ton't. Opens Tomor 7pm James Baldwin's THE AMEN CORNER "The answer to every play goer's prayer" D.Tel. 24hr 7 day cc bkngs (no fee) FIRST CALL 240 7200, K.Prowse 741 9999.

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Ton't, Tomor, Wed 7.45, Thur 2.00 (low price mat) COMING IN TO LAND by Stephen Poliakoff. Thur, Fri 7.45, Sat 2.15 (low price mat) & 7.45 TONS OF MONEY.

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times SEVENTH THRILLING YEAR

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568/ 01 638 8891 (Mon-Sat 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Book now for THE FAIR MAID OF THE WEST by Thomas Heywood starting 25 March.

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See SEPARATE ENTRIES under OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE. Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. RESTAURANT (928 2033). EASY CAR PARK. Info 633 0880

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 Postal & Phone bkgs only accepted for perfs June 1 - Jan 2 1988

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Until May 2. Mon-Fri 7.30, Wed Mats 2.30, Sats 10.30am, 3.00 & 7.45. English Shakespeare Co in THE HENRYS Henry IV Part 1, Henry IV Part 2 & Henry V Dir. by Michael Bogdanov "The best thing to have happened to British theatre for years" D Tel CC Nos (bkg fee): 1st Call 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Royal Shakespeare Company "THRILLING" (Today) in "Cole Porter's glorious musical" D.Tel KISS ME KATE Previews from May 8 New booking! cc Nos (bkg fee): 1st Call 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 6433/ KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123.

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Previews Ton't, Tomor 7.15. Opens Wed 7.00. Thur, Fri 7.15. Sat 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.15 SIX CHARACTERS IN SEARCH OF AN AUTHOR by Pirandello, new version by Nicholas Wright.

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W.H.Smith Travel Branches. THE MUSICAL SENSATION LES MISERABLES "IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE. Seats avail Thurs Mats.

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/379 6433 Open All Hours/ 741 9999 EXTENDED TO APR 5 FASCINATING AIDA Directed by Nica Burns in "Their New Show '87" "CONTINUOUSLY, SHARPLY FUNNY" Std. Mon-Thurs 8. Fri & Sat 6.30 & 9.30

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek Now booking to September MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY On Monday eves and Thurs mats the part of Florence will be played by Siobhan McCarthy.

PRINCE OF WALES W1 839 5987 cc First Call 24 hour, 7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 'ALLO 'ALLO with the TV SHOW STARS "It's all sauce at the café of laughs" D Exp. Mon-Fri 8.00, Sat 5.30 & 8.40. Wed Mat 3.00 MUST END MAY 30TH

QUEENS 734 1166/ 0261/ 0120 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433/ 741 9999 GRIFF RHYS JONES The Resistible Rise of ARTURO UI A Gangster Spectacle By Bertolt Brecht Prevs from 31 Mar Opens 6 Apr Eves 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.30 & 8

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/1167/ 0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/ 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. "THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON" Gdn ACTRESS OF THE YEAR VARIETY CLUB OF G.B. MAUREEN LIPMAN in WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5 FINAL 2 WEEKS

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 748 3354 KING LEAR WORKSHOP Daily at 11.30am (not Sat/Sun) Tickets available at door £2.90 Next Week: HAMLET

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. From Sat Eves 8pm, Sat Mats (from 28 March) 4pm SERIOUS MONEY - A City Comedy by Caryl Churchill.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 3.30. THE EMPEROR by Ryszard Kapuscinski adapted by Michael Hastings & Jonathan Miller.

SAVOY 836 8888 CC FIRST CALL 24HR 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE) CC 379 6219 or 836 0479. 741 9999 Grp Sales 930 6123 ERNIE WISE LULU JULIA NILLS Broadway's "BEST MUSICAL" THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD The solve-it-yourself musical Prevs from Apr 25 Opens 7 May

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. First Call 24 hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) CABARET "The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne Mon-Thur 7.30, Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.15 BOOKING NOW UP TO AUG '87

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at Royal Shakespeare Theatre. Booking for new Season starting 1st April now open. Send SAE for leaflet or Phone (0789) 69191 for recorded information.

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC. 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 6433 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0, Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.30. JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award and Plays & Players London Critics Award MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play WOMAN IN MIND "THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S.Tel

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 6433 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... FIX HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times "What a swell party" D.Mirror TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC...leaves you feeling good to be alive" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6565/ 6433 Grps 836 3962 Evgs 8.30, Sat Mats 5pm "A THRILLING Tour de Force" London Daily News STEVEN BERKOFF IS BACK in DECADENCE with LINDA MARLOWE "HILARIOUS" D. Tele. Limited season - book now!

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433/240 7200 Open 24 Hrs/741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR The Award Winning Comedy WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes "ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS" Obs Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433 (No bkg fee) 240 7200 (24hr bkg fee) Ends Sat NO WORRIES by David Holman - a play for all the family. Day Times till Sat + Eves Thur, Fri, Sat at 7.00. Adult tickets FREE for all perfs. Wed 7.30 Michael Horovitz's POETRY OLYMPICS - many voices including Brian Patten. April 2-25. Caryl Churchill's OWNERS. Eves 8.00

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 The Rude Mechanicals present DANTON'S DEATH Eves 7.45, Wed Mat 2.15

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering Street W1. 499 4100. BRUCE McLEAN.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY. Barbican Centre, EC2. 01 638 4141 x 306 RUSSIAN STYLE 1700-1920: COURT AND COUNTRY DRESS FROM THE HERMITAGE, LENINGRAD. Until Apr 26. Tue-Sat 10-6.45, Sun & Bk Hol. 12-5.45 CLOSED MON Except Bk Hols. Adm £3, Conc. £1.50

BRITISH MUSEUM, Gt Russell St., WC1. AN A-Z OF THE PRINTS & DRAWINGS COLLECTION. Adm. free. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Recorded Info 01 580 1788.

CCA GALLERIES - ERTÉ - GRAPHICS & SCULPTURE. Epitome of the 20's fashionable elegance from 18 Mar - 7 Apr at Princes Arcade, Piccadilly, W1. Showing at the Main Gallery, 8 Dover Street, W1 a wide range of prints by Contemporary Artists from £50. Selected works by major 20th century Artists: Mon to Friday 9.30 to 5.30 & Sat 10 to 4. Tel: 01-499 6701.

FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St, St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. LILIANE LIJN - Imagine the Goddess. Until 3 April. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

HAYWARD GALLERY, LE CORBUSIER - Architect. TONY CRAGG - Sculpture. Daily. Recorded info 01-261 0127.

MONTPELIER STUDIO 4 Montpelier St, SW7. JOHN SULLIVAN recent paintings until 1st April.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS Piccadilly W1 01-734-9052 Open Daily 10-6 inc SUN (Reduced rates Sun until 1.45pm) BRITISH ART IN THE 20TH CENTURY £3.75, £2.50 conc. rate.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. NAUM GABO. Until 20 Apr. Adm. £2.50. THE LIPCHITZ GIFT. Until 10 May. Adm. free. Wkdays 10 - 5.50. Suns 2 - 5.50. Recorded Info. 01-821 7128.

CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. IMOGEN STUBBS, JEAN-PHILIPPE ECOFFEY with DANIEL DAY LEWIS in NANOU (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20, 8.40. "Deserves to be seen and applauded" London Daily News ENDS MARCH 25

CURZON PHOENIX Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 Opens Fri with Elem Klimov's COME AND SEE (15). Film at 2.30 5.30 8.20

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun). 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive...my movie of 1986" Alexander Walker, Std. Nominated for 8 Oscars & 14 BAFTA awards

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) THE COLOR OF MONEY (15) in 70mm Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 12.25 3.10 6.00 8.55. All progs bookable in advance.

MINEMA 45 Knightsbridge 235 4225 THE SACRIFICE (15) (subtitles) Daily: 3.0 6.15 9.0 "This towering film... One of the great films of Western Europe" (Alex Walker - The Standard)

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG) Sep progs Daily 2.00 5.45 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250 / 4259. THE FLY (18). Sep progs Doors open Daily 2.15 5.30 8.15. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/ Visa/ AmEx) 930 3232/ 839 1929, 24 hour service. £2.50 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) BACK TO SCHOOL (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.15 3.35 5.55 8.15. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 holders, Student card holders, Under 16's

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THE ARTS

Mounted marvels

TELEVISION

Tomorrow afternoon (BBC2: wild horses could not budge me) Princess Anne will inaugurate the three days of Anglo-Irish warfare known as the Cheltenham Festival with two acts of populist piety. First she will ride the Grand National winner Aldaniti on the Cheltenham leg of his charity walk, and secondly unveil a statue to Dawn Run, unique winner of both the Champion Hurdle and the Gold Cup.

Dawn Run has since passed on to the paddock in the sky, and a similar fate very nearly befell the architect of his most luminous triumphs, Jonjo O'Neill, through bone cancer. Just before Saturday's Sandown meeting, *Jonjo* (Channel 4) attempted a profile of this superlative sportsman, his short-head victory over cancer and his new career as trainer.

Jump-jockeys are reputedly cast from pig-iron, but even this substance can break and Mr O'Neill has had his share of smashes. The trouble with this sprint of a programme was that its good intentions smothered the painful truth. As in the case of Aldaniti's jockey, the fellow cancer victim Bob Champion, its message was obliged to be "up". The only time its subject's puckish grin faded was when he lay sandbagged by medication on a hospital bed, bald from chemo-therapy and plainly above his riding weight. Perhaps the inclusion of this clip was the bravest part of all.

Horse-racing fascinates as one of the last spectacles in which grit combines with nous and a modicum of good fortune to produce elemental tussles in fair competition. A new series on Channel 4, *Horses*, traces the development of Equus caballus from the primeval ooze to the parade ring, taking in such milestones as the Scythian chariot and the Persian pony express *en route*.

With lashings of slow motion and lavish excerpts from terrible old movies of ancient Hollywood, Saturday's first instalment appeared to have the confidence of its clichés. The material, however, is parcelled out in awkward lumps, and there is over-much cutting between the presenters — the actor Ian Ogilvy and the horsewoman Lucinda Green — and the experts in their various natural habitats. Mr Ogilvy completed a standing piece to camera just as the mounted Mrs Green wheeled to a halt beside him to take over the script's reins. One wondered what purpose this served, and (more damagingly) how many takes had gone into this pallid distraction.

If the price about *Horses* is no better than evens, *The First Eden* (BBC2, yesterday) is already odds-on. David Attenborough is a past master of articulating his shots, of extracting maximum impact from his own conduct within the frame. Last night he added to his repertoire by reverentially lowering his voice in an Egyptian tomb and later, in a Mithraic temple, speaking at normal pitch to suggest disapproval of the bloody cult. When the rest of the field has faded from memory, Attenborough will be seen as the man who brought the natural world, intimately and informatively, into the living-room.

Martin Cropper

● We regret that David Wade's Radio review has been held out for lack of space.

Intimacy restricts effectiveness

Holly Hill reports on the New York opening of *Les Misérables*, and on mixed critical reactions to it

Frances Ruffelle as an appealing Eponine, Colm Wilkinson (rear) a splendid Jean Valjean

Shivering in 20-degree temperatures and a nasty wind, half of New York's Press corps huddled outside the Broadway Theatre wonder if *Les Miserables* would play its penultimate preview. A power-pack had blown in the computer and, unless repairs could be made, the show could not go on. "No electricity, no art", some chattered, recalling the big laugh-line from the Stephen Sondheim-James Lapine musical *Sunday in the Park with George*.

Shortly after eight, the audience was settled in the theatre. The producer, Cameron Macintosh, walked in front of the curtain, introducing himself and confessing "I hope this is my only appearance ever on a Broadway stage". He explained the problem, asked the audience's indulgence for half an hour, and was warmly applauded for the graciousness with which he spoke. At 8.30 there was a glimmer of light and movement from behind the curtain. More applause. Ten minutes later the curtain rose, and if there were any difficulties thereafter only the show's staff knew.

Having seen *Les Mis* (as it is called here, rather than *The Glums*) twice last summer in London, I think that the Broadway production is not as good. The massive appearance and 19th-century aura of the Palace Theatre are more congenial to the show than New York's more intimate Broadway Theatre, where John Napier's designs look less impressive. The *coup de théâtre* of the Paris slums turning into the barricades inspired little audible wonder at the performance I attended, probably because in less space it is not really awesome.

Both a gain and a loss is the repositioning of Javert's first solo, "Stars". It now comes just before the first student rebellion song, which strengthens the continuity of the story. However, if my memory is not faulty, I recall Javert singing before a virtual curtain of stars, as if he were alone with them in the universe of his imagination. To me it was the most artistically perfect piece of staging in the show. On Broadway we see Javert standing in front of the Paris slums, with only a smattering of stars above.

The Thenardiers, nicely played and sung by Leo Burmester and Jennifer Butt, are less the fawning, audience-milking comics here. This is a huge plus: the adaptation of Victor Hugo's grotesques was tasteless. After being urged to weep for Fantine and Cosette, the audience is supposed to forget that the Thenardiers drove Fantine to her death and abused Cosette terribly to have a giggle. Child abusers as comic relief? I wonder if even Fagin could or should win over audiences today.

Colm Wilkinson is as splendid as ever as Jean Valjean, and Frances Ruffelle repeats her appealing Eponine. Judy Kuhn has a lovely strong soprano as Cosette but, except for her and the Thenardiers, the American cast is weak vocally. Most of the other principals and many in the chorus who sing solo lines are not up to the music, particularly in the lower register or when the mood is intense.

Never a great admirer of *Les Misérables*, I went back to see it a second time in London because I was so distressed by the contrast between what it accomplished and where it failed (as in the examples of Javert and the Thenardiers). Having seen it now three times, I still salute the aspects which touch the grandeur of Victor Hugo's novel, and mourn those which fall short.

Frank Rich raved in the *New York Times*, his only reservation being the American actors. Rich commented that the directors, Trevor Nunn and John Caird, had "gone gloriously showbiz — with conviction, inspiration and taste", praised the "profligately melodious score" and "resourceful lyrics" and judged that the show was "in the highest tradition of Broadway musical production".

Clive Barnes in the *New York Post* stated that the show was "simply smashing" but also called it "superbly served, instantly disposable trash".

Howard Kissel of the *Daily News* praised the scenery and lighting and Colm Wilkinson's performance, but found the adaptation shallow, the score "drivel — singsong, repetitious, emotionally dead" and the lyrics "unbelievably simple-minded".

The first television review to come in called *Les Misérables* "a snob-hit — the kind of show that must be seen and cheered although in your heart you know it's hollow".

Warm fidelity

CONCERTS

Dresden Staatskapelle/ Davis
Festival Hall

This glorious performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony — bereft of exaggeration or extravagance, exuding sanity and warmth from every bar — must rank among the finest concerts Sir Colin Davis has conducted in London. It also emphasized the continuing excellence of the venerable Dresden Staatskapelle. And, since "Alle Menschen werden Brüder" in Schiller's vision, it was actually rather moving (for this naive idealist, anyway) that in the finale the East Germans should have formed so sonorous and unshakeable an alliance with the London Symphony Chorus.

The orchestra, having played with massive security for three movements, their strings producing especially distinguished and unanimous lines in the Adagio, seemed to relish the sudden, powerful input of vibrant choral sound: it appeared to renew them for delivery of a magnificently passionate coda. Four soloists who took more than usual care over blend and tuning (Karita Mattila, Alfreda Hodgson, Keith Lewis and Theo Adam) did their share.

But it was essentially Davis's triumph. No one has ever doubted his commitment to search without compromise for the truth of every score he conducts, but some feel that this occasionally leads him towards unduly prosaic or dour readings. Here, though, he combined fidelity with rich imagination.

His pacing, particularly of the Adagio and Scherzo (with the Trio slowed to allow the wind players to impart a little noble rusticity to the counterpoint) was unerringly good; he found some admirably natural-sounding balances (despite a few shortcomings in the brass section); and his rapport with the orchestra was outstanding. The Finale offered many instances of neat pick-ups and of subtle phrasing agreed not just in principle but in considerable detail, the cellos' recitative being an obvious case. An ode to joy in every sense.

Richard Morrison

Medici Quartet
Wigmore Hall

In recent years the Medici String Quartet has experimented quite successfully with words-and-music concoctions. The latest is "Beethoven: The Kingdom of the Spirit", which mingles extracts from the quartets (some very bitty indeed) with, and even under, quotations from the composer's correspondence, read robustly if occasionally clumsily by the actor Brian Cox.

Purists will wince at the very notion of Beethoven's quartets — especially the late ones, the Himalayas of the entire chamber-music literature — being chopped up to provide mood music for the master's rough-and-ready epistles. But there are, after all, plenty of opportunities to hear these works complete. If this sort of presentation helps some people to make more sense of notoriously difficult music, one should not object.

Nevertheless, when the gulf is so great between the music — where superhuman struggles are heroically fought and sublimely won — and the letters, which are (the "Heiligenstadt Testament" apart) all too depressingly obsessed with petty irritations and hopeless crushes, one wonders what there is to be gained from juxtaposing them. And when the performers attempted to tie the words more closely to the music (as in a love-letter happening to contain the phrase "Yes, *it must be so*", where the appropriate little motif from Op 135 was hauled out as background music) the results were slightly farcical.

It was, perhaps, significant that the Medicis reserved their most consistent and considered playing for the last item, Op 135, the only quartet performed whole. Earlier, in extracts which ranged from Op 18 No 1 to Op 132, there had been plenty of vigour and some imaginative ideas about tone-colour, but a certain casualness marred the articulation — as though even the players considered the music to be taking a secondary role.

R.M.

Lustrous timbre: Rosalind Plowright rising to the challenge of a shifting emotional range

Magnificent protagonist

OPERA

Alceste
La Scala, Milan

La Scala has decided to mark the bicentenary of Gluck's death with a production of the original, Italian-language *Alceste* — which, in spite of its relative musical austerity, contains many beautiful passages which he retained in his revision, following the original Vienna version. Its major problem is the enormous burden it puts on the protagonist, who has to command attention and interest in the long stretches of recitative, some of which are dry in all senses of the word.

Rosalind Plowright rose magnificently to the challenge: unerringly responsive to the part's constantly shifting emotions, she exploited her lustrous timbre and lovely stage presence to maximum effect. The audience was unanimously engrossed in her journey through slender hope, dejection, elation, self-deception and despair; it is the crucial flaw in the opera's feeble and perfunctory ending that Alceste has no chance finally to sing the joys of resurrection. A lack of flexibility in some arioso passages and a few precarious moments above the stave detracted little from Miss Plowright's overall accomplishment.

She received admirable support from Riccardo Muti, who extracted a vivid performance from the orchestra without ever having to resort to an over-inflated sound to make dramatic points. The chorus's funereal contributions were excellent, the jubilant ones marred by some superannuated sopranos. Muti's conducting of Gluck's *Orfeo* at Florence some years ago will have prepared audiences for the interpretation.

Admeto's music was forcefully — in fact, forcibly — delivered by the strenuous Guiseppe Morino, replacing the previously announced Warren Ellsworth. Anne Sophie von Otter was an outstanding Ismene, although it was tantalizing to hear such a fine performer in a peripheral role. William Matteuzzi, a much admired Rossini tenor in Italy's smaller houses, sounded over-stretched as Evandro. Alberto Noli was an incisive High Priest.

Direction and design were both entrusted to Pier Luigi Pizzi, who set the opera in and around a simple but elegant white neo-classical rotunda — an apt reflection of the values closest to Gluck-the-reformer's heart. Pizzi's production was similarly restrained, but full of illuminating detail; only Alceste, clad in white in Act I amid black-robed chorus and confidantes, was not prepared to mourn Admeto even before he was dead.

Nigel Jamieson

● Rosalind Plowright is scheduled to sing *Alceste* at Covent Garden in 1989.

ROCK

The Cult
Hammersmith Odeon

"It's all about getting into the spirit of 1971", the youth behind me, who looked not a day over 17, explained enthusiastically as he lit up a foul-smelling joss stick.

If anything, such gauche assumptions indicated more about the spirit of 1987 than they did about the meaning of a cult gig, for this is surely the year when the rock fraternity has abandoned the unequal struggle of trying to improve on its historical achievements. A new audience is craving old excitements, and the Cult are just one of many current acts who are only too delighted to give them what they want.

The present line-up developed from humble beginnings in 1982, when Ian Astbury formed a band in Bradford known as the Southern Death Cult. They now boast a hard-core following with the purchasing power to push the recent single "Love Removal Machine" staight into the charts at Number 18, but have not reached the broader market needed to get the record any higher.

Charging on stage after a lengthy taped introduction of "The Ride of the Valkyries", they seemed to have taken their visual cue from a strange assortment of stylistic reference-points. Billy Duffy and Jamie Stewart wielded big-bodied Gretsch guitars reminiscent of the Fifties, while Astbury, with his long black hair and fur hat, would not have looked out of place on the cover of a Cream album.

Musically, they focused their attention on the rich pickings available from the heavy rock catalogue of the Seventies, and with new songs like "Peace Dog" and "Wild Flower" they merrily plundered the portfolios of Led Zeppelin, Free and numerous others for suitable bump-and-grind riffs over which Astbury plastered his undistinguished vocal lines.

Their relatively fresh and youthful approach to such a hoary sub-genre gave them enough contemporary authority to carry the venture through, but their credentials as musicians failed them at certain moments of exposure such as Les Warner's decidedly shaky drum solo during "The Phoenix" and their crude revival of Steppenwolf's "Born to be Wild". And, while being in thrall to the past may be a legitimate vogue, to these tired ears they offered nothing that improved on the seven-year-old AC/DC album that was playing over the PA during the interval.

David Sinclair

THEATRE IN BRITAIN

Mugshot
Cumbernauld

It is easy to imagine Glasgow — no mean city — as a backdrop to just the kind of Chandleresque film noir *Mugshot* purports to be. Robert Robson, writer and director of this engaging if slight piece, has gone to a lot of trouble to get the right Forties look, from the nicely judged cut-out set to the wide suits, trilbies and co-respondent shoes (designs by Lynn Aitken) and not forgetting that pool of light in which Bogart, or in this case Alasdair McCrone as Mac Marlowe, always seems to be standing.

There is a conventional, well worked out, whodunnit-style plot, with two mysteriously similar but similarly dead blondes, a gallery of instantly recognizable dodgy characters, and an excellent movie-style soundtrack which its composer, Joe McGinley, plays live.

The trouble is that neither the production nor the script is ever really clear what it wants to be. Are they prepared to settle for being a gentle and, in the best moments, witty and well observed parody of the whole genre? Or do they want to take themselves more seriously and get into such murky areas as the intrusion of reality into people's carefully nurtured fantasy lives?

For, despite the stylish production-values, the script tells us we are in the present. Despite Marlowe's wise-cracking asides and running commentary we are asked to take him seriously when he drops his transatlantic drawl and slips back into Glaswegian. The biggest problem is the wide divergence of acting styles. While Alex McSherry plays the Mr Big character as if it was Lear and Arturo Ui all rolled into one, Anthony Ventre and Iain McColl play the two hoodlums with all the ham they can muster. Blythe Duff, who takes all the female roles, hits the note most accurately with a nicely dead-pan delivery which is never in danger of being realistic but at the same time challenges you to say that it is not. Mr McCrone makes a tolerable stab at holding it all together from the centre with good timing and snappy delivery. But even he cannot rescue the *longueurs* in the first half, which needs some serious editing.

Robert Dawson Scott

A Smile on the End of the Line
Orange Tree, Richmond

Michel Vinaver is currently a hot property in Paris, one of the crop of playwrights to have emerged in the Seventies who combine the traditions of the Epic Theatre with some of the innovations of the Absurd.

His many years spent working for a multi-national corporation have proved a fertile source of inspiration. The flagging fortunes of a toilet-paper manufacturer formed the stuff of his first success but, since that piece might take eight hours to stage in its complete version, it is probably wise to introduce English audiences to his odd technique by way of this long one-acter, *Les Travaux et les jours*, translated and retitled by Peter Meyer.

The action is set — it might be more correct to say the dialogue is set — in the After Sales department of a company producing coffee-grinders. Three girls answer telephone calls from customers whose grinders have failed. Anne (Auriol Smith) is efficient but has a daughter who will not speak to her. Nicole (Joan Moon) has left her husband and resents the company's failure to improve her grading. Yvette (Lucy Durham-Matthews) is a temp whose miniskirt encloses a pretty little bottom like a couple of ping-pong balls.

The department head (Philip York) makes this wistful observation. The fifth character, Guillermo (Andrew MacLachlan), is desired by two of the women but quietly gets on with his job of repairing grinders.

This information we piece together from the scraps of facts tossed out — at first quite randomly, so it seems — by characters who interrupt each other, interrupt themselves and switch from flowery sales-talk to office gossip in mid-breath. The effect is extraordinary but Vinaver's technique reveals itself to be a marvellous instrument for presenting a sense of fractured, busy, unsatisfying life.

There is a linear development as crisis strikes the grinder industry, but the achievement of the evening — well brought out in Sam Walters's direction, though some cues could be sharper — is to create this network of lives from such disconnected fragments. It feels truer to experience than many a full portrait.

Jeremy Kingston

LONDON DEBUTS

With the centenary of Villa-Lobos falling this year, there should be ample opportunity to catch the best of the composer's works. **Ernesto Bitetti** included the Five Preludes for guitar in his recital and they gave us not only the most captivating interpretative touches of the evening but also its most rewarding music. With the other-worldly high pizzicatos and introspective musing of the Third Prelude Bitetti's sensitive playing met a score of equal invention. The only regret is that more of the music was not of this standard. The Five Pieces by Piazzolla sounded empty and overblown.

That reservation could not be made about the violin recital by **Thomas Bowes**. Not content with a long and taxing programme, he also commissioned a new work for the occasion: *Airs and Graces* by Jonathan Lloyd, an inventive short solo which cleverly uses cross-string effects, the edge of the bow and other tricks of the instrument. The strong technique needed for this work was put to good use in the others. Beethoven's C minor Sonata, Op 30 No 2, received an imaginative, inwardly passionate performance, which found Bowes as convincing in the subdued mood of the slow movement as he was with the forceful, almost vicious humour of the Scherzo.

By coincidence both he and **Anna Joseph** chose to play the brilliant D major Sonata by Prokofiev, albeit in very different styles. Where Bowes offered fantasy and playing of many colours, Joseph was more strictly literal, clear in tone and energetic in attack. Her recital had begun with rather monochrome accounts of sonatas by Corelli and Beethoven. But with the Ballade from Ysaye's Sonata, Op 27 No 3, for solo violin all restraining shackles were loosened: the double-stopping was fearless and accurate, the first sign of a spontaneity that was to last the rest of the evening.

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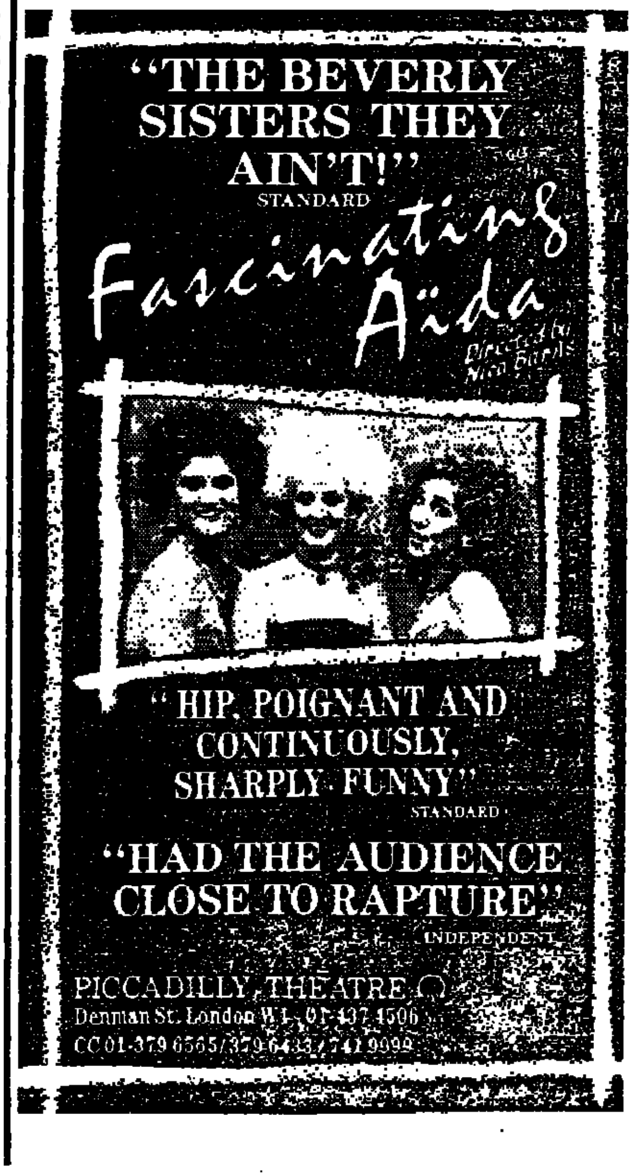

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101.6m	Bulmer (H P)	195	+4	7.7	3.9	20.1
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76.4m	Devenish (J A)	211	-8	3.9	1.8	29.2
275.9m	Greenall Whitley	245	+11	7.9	3.2	14.8
140.7m	Greene King	338	-5	8.4	2.5	19.2
2,641.2m	Guinness (aa)	321	●-2	11.6	3.6	12.2
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
——	Abbey	245	+9	..	..	..
38.0m	Aberdeen Constr	230	-1	11.6	5.0	21.3
215.8m	Amec	335	+6	16.4	4.9	18.1
39.3m	Anglo Utd	48	●-2	2.2	4.6	..
4,400,000	Arncliffe	88	●-12	2.3	2.6	20.0
177.9m	Ashwoods	278	+3	7.5	2.7	21.4
1,310.1m	BPB Ind (aa)	685	+9	14.3	2.1	20.2
30.0m	Baggeridge Brick	150	●-2	2.5	1.7	20.3
3,135,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	60	-1	0.4	0.7	12.0
345.4m	Barratt Devs	194	+4	11.6	6.0	20.3
50.6m	Bellway	220	+17	10.7	4.9	11.7
92.0m	Berkeley Gp	296	..	3.2	1.1	22.6
15.0m	Bett Bros	100	+2	4.6	4.6	27.5
25.7m	Blockleys	215	+¼	[illegible]	2.8	21.0
962.7m	Blue Circle (aa)	748	+30	30.0	4.0	10.6
17.6m	Breedon&Cloud Hill	290	●-2	14.6	5.0	27.8
17.5m	Br Dredging	102	+6	4.3	4.2	18.7
6,746,000	Brown & Jackson	22½	-2	..	..	57.7
16.7m	Brownlee	70	..	3.8	5.4	36.5
176.0m	Bryant	176	+3	6.1b	3.5	12.1
24.7m	Burnett & Hallam	12½	..	..	..	1.4
4,253,000	Cakebread Robey	81	..	4.7	5.8	13.3
504.8m	Cement-Roadstone	195	+5	4.0	2.1	..
17.1m	Conder Grp	208	+27	3.6	1.7	30.1
497.0m	Costain	596	-34	25.0	4.2	11.1
50.8m	Countryside	565	●+4	9.1	1.6	16.1
28.5m	Crouch (Derek)	213	..	8.5	4.0	10.1
23.6m	Douglas (RM)	156	●..	3.9b	2.5	31.3
30.1m	Erith	158	+16	5.0	3.2	29.0
3,031,000	Feb	175	..	2.5	1.4	28.9
5,127,000	Do 'A'	120	..	2.5	2.1	19.8
16.6m	Federated Hsg	185	-35	5.7	3.1	11.1
8,629,000	Finlan Gp	89	●+1	5.4b	6.1	28.0
35.0m	Galliford	125	●-1	7.2	5.7	19.5
2,456,000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	140	..	2.6	1.9	38.8
42.1m	Gleeson (MJ)	421	+3	8.4	2.0	11.6
25.5m	Hamson Ind	218	+10	7.1	3.3	..
18.7m	Helical Bar	550	+32	..	..	..
54.0m	Henderson	245	+14	10.0	4.1	16.2
65.3m	Hewden-Stuart	87	-2	2.5	2.9	15.3
116.3m	Heywood Williams	300	●+22	11.1	3.7	16.3
112.8m	Higgs & Hill	672	+10	20.1	3.0	18.4
8,598,000	Howard Shut	77	●-1	2.1	2.7	30.8
202.0m	Ibstock Johnsen	248	-2	7.1	2.9	18.6
5,698,000	Jarvis (J) & Sons	563	●..	24.3	4.3	..
147.4m	Laing (J)	500	●-10	10.7	2.1	14.1
140.0m	Do 'A'	497	●-10	10.7	2.2	14.0
58.9m	Lawrence (Walter)	128	+8	5.7	4.5	10.4
40.8m	Lilley (FJC)	51	+4	5.5e	10.8	6.6
131.6m	Lovell (YJ)	238	●+6	5.7	2.4	16.2
575.7m	Magnet & South	316	+18	7.7	2.4	37.7
50.4m	Manders	343	-5	12.6	3.7	20.8
371.4m	Marley	147	+1	5.9n	4.0	17.1
84.9m	Marshalls (Halifax)	240	●+7	7.9	3.3	20.1
180.0m	McAlpine (Alfred)	509	●-13	20.7	4.1	11.6
207.4m	McCarthy & S	415	+7	4.8	1.2	18.3
342.2m	Meyer Int	348	+1	8.5	2.4	18.6

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31.4m	Carroll	131	-2	..	..	..
576.4m	Rothmans 'B'	234	+1	10.0	4.3	8.3

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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1583.9 (–17.5)

FT-SE 100
2000.0 (+1.8)

Bargains
48407 (52723)

USM (Datastream)
157.24 (+3.69)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.5745 (–0.0125)

W German mark
2.9160 (+0.0007)

Trade-weighted
71.6 (–0.2)

More debt pressure by Latin Americans

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The industrialized nations are under growing pressure to revise their faltering Third World debt strategy in the wake of payment suspensions by Equador and Brazil.

Although officials are confident they have prevented "a domino effect" of defaults, they acknowledge that new concessions are being considered to preserve the $29 billion (£18.5 billion) debt plan proposed in 1985 by the US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker.

New proposals which, in effect, provide interest rate concessions to the large debtor nations are under serious consideration and will be discussed informally at the April interim committee meeting of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, officials said.

Financing techniques which convert debt to equity, shave interest rates on some loans and promote a broader role for commercial banks, by encouraging them to make direct project loans in debtor countries, are being actively pursued.

In addition, the industrialized nations are demonstrating a new flexiblity in their negotiations with debtor nations over novel approaches to debt repayments.

Last week the Reagan Administration, at the urging of Mr Baker, backed a plan by the Philippines to repay part of its outstanding interest with investment notes to preserve dwindling cash reserves.

Mr Baker and the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, together decided to back the proposal and this informal stamp of approval is expected to lead to a new agreement between the Philippines and its creditor banks.

For the firt time, there is also serious consideration of a proposal to allow banks greater flexibility in writing-off or "forgiving" part of their Third World debt, officials said.

This concept, the core of an alternate debt strategy proposed by Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey, was strongly criticized last year by both the banks and the governments.

This year, Senator Bradley is seeking to attach a package of debt relief measures to the new trade legislation under consideration in Congress. Among other proposals, Senator Bradley wants Congress to change the loan loss reserves banks must set aside against Third World debt.

His plan would provide a "grace period" in which banks would not be required to set aside reserves when debtor nations fail to meet payments.

The impetus behind the new approaches under consideration by Western leaders is the strong reluctance of commercial banks to lend new money to beleaguered Third World countries.

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Markets seek £2bn off borrowing as well as tax reductions

City calls for cut in PSBR

By Rodney Lord and David Smith

Financial markets are expecting Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to abandon targets for sterling M3, the broad measure of the money supply, in his Budget tomorrow. While accepting a more pragmatic monetary policy, they want a tighter fiscal policy with a cut of up to £2 billion in Government borrowing.

A cut of this size in the public sector borrowing requirement would guarantee a further fall in interest rates while still leaving scope for at least 2p off the basic rate of income tax.

Although markets took on a cautious tone ahead of the weekend, with sterling giving up some of its recent gains, money markets are indicating a cut in base rates of at least ½ per cent.

The Chancellor has a presentational problem because any PSBR he is likely to set for 1987-88 will probably be above the outturn for 1986-87. Revenue in the present year has turned out to be so buoyant that many City economists believe the 1986-87 PSBR could turn out at £4 billion or even lower. This compares with £5 billion for 1987-88 if Mr Lawson decides to use £2 billion of his scope for tax cuts to cut borrowing.

BZW, a leading market-maker, said it would put more emphasis on how the PSBR for next year compared with this year's outturn rather than with the plan in last year's medium-term financial strategy.

News on the economy is, however, likely to please the markets. Mr Lawson will make it clear in his assessment of prospects that there are no nasty surprises in store, either on the balance of payments or inflation, should the election be delayed.

The Chancellor will paint a picture of vigorous growth for the economy, probably of 3.5 per cent this year, with the non-oil part of the economy growing by 4 per cent. He will also hold out hope for a continuing drop in unemployment.

The centrepiece of the Budget, a substantial reduction in the basic rate of income tax, has been well signposted. The consensus view among economists is that the basic rate will be reduced by 2p in the pound.

But the surge in tax revenues and the run of good borrowing figures recently point to the fact that the Chancellor's total room for manoeuvre could be as much as £6 billion. A 4p in the pound cut in the basic rate — to meet the long-term target of a 25p in the pound — is therefore within Mr Lawson's range.

Both the Chancellor and the Prime Minister have trailed the possibility of a cut in the top marginal rate of tax from 60 to 50 per cent, to combat the "brain drain." The Chancellor will defend any such tax moves against the accusation that he is favouring the rich by drawing on Treasury evidence that showed the 1979 reduction in the top rate of tax from 83 to 60 per cent actually boosted the tax take from higher rate taxpayers.

Other elements of the package are expected to include a go-ahead for tax incentives on profit-related pay; a lifting of the ceiling on loans eligible for mortgage interest relief from £30,000 to £35,000; and a raising of excise duties by slightly less than required to match inflation.

Nigel Lawson digging for a Budget victory at the weekend

Burton moves into financial services

By Our City Staff

Burton Group, the high street retailing company led by Sir Ralph Halpern, is to take over the running of two share shops in its stores operated by Quilter Goodison, the stockbroking firm, as part of a move into the financial services sector.

"We are very serious about expanding this facility and hope to open at least 10 new branches in our stores," the company said yesterday.

Sir Ralph Halpern: insurance and mortgages

However, it was being stressed that there was no acrimony in the parting of the ways with Quilter Goodison — headed by Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of the Stock Exchange — and Burton is hoping that it will be able to retain the broker's staff employed in the share shops. Quilter Goodison operates a third share shop in Truro, Cornwall.

Burton feels that the stores have achieved a modest level of success since they opened in its department stores in Oxford Street, London, and Bristol, Avon, two years ago but there remains considerable scope for widening the services offered to house, car and life insurance, unit trusts and mortgages.

Burton is endeavouring to negotiate a deal with Hoare Govett, the brokers, to provide the settlement services for the share transactions and is planning to apply for membership of the Stock Exchange.

Small businesses help ease regional divide

By Our Business Correspondent

Small companies are acting as an "economic leveller", helping reduce regional disparities in economic buoyancy, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Small Business Research Trust, published today.

In the year to the end of September, 59 per cent of small companies in the survey showed higher turnover, and 26 per cent increased employees.

Analysing the regional spread of the "growers" in the sample — the 24 per cent that showed both improved sales and employment — the proportion of expanding companies did not vary among the regions as much as expected.

Although Scotland and the North of England have below the national average proportion of expanding firms, the spread of growers does not appear overly slanted towards the prosperous South.

Far greater differences were found in the proportion of expanding firms in different business sectors. Manufacturing, transport and wholesale trades are doing best, retailing and agriculture performing least well.

The most important problem cited by respondents was finance and interest rates. Lack of skilled staff rated more than twice as highly as inflation, rates of pay, and shortage of supplies combined.

Opec pact changes ruled out

Riyadh (Reuter) — The Saudi Arabian oil minister, Mr Hisham Nazer, said yesterday that Opec's pact to stabilize oil prices at $18 a barrel was being implemented satisfactorily and he saw no immediate need to change it.

He added that Saudi Arabia was producing about 3 million barrels per day of crude oil, well below its Opec quota of 4.133 million barrels but denied that the reduced output meant Saudi Arabia — the world's largest oil exporter — had returned to the role of swing producer.

Asked how long Saudi Arabia would continue to produce well below its quota, he said: "As long as all the Opec members adhere to the programme devised in December, Saudi Arabia will continue to adhere to the agreement."

Last December Opec agreed to cut overall oil production by 7.25 per cent to 15.8 million barrels per day for the first six months of this year and abide by fixed prices averaging $18 a barrel from February 1.

Mr Nazersaid he did not foresee any need for new measures before the next scheduled Opec meeting on June 25.

He said Opec was producing below 15.8 million barrels per day and all members were abiding by its agreement.

The Saudi minister said he was satisfied with the extent of cooperation from non-Opec producers, including Norway, Egypt and the Soviet Union.

● Dr Mana Saeed Otaiba, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, was reported yesterday as saying that Opec is not expected to take any retaliatory action against Britain for not cooperating with the cartel. Nevertheless, King Fahd of Saudi Arabia is expected to take up the issue when he visits Britain next week.

Ferranti scraps bid for Ordnance

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspndent

Ferranti, the defence electronics group, has pulled out of the bidding for Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms manufacturer which is scheduled to be sold to the private sector by early next month.

By the deadline on Friday, offers of about £150 million had been submitted by British Aerospace and GKN, the companies always considered among the most likely to buy Royal Ordnance. No bid was received by Ferranti.

The surprise withdrawal by Ferranti means that just two of the four companies originally shortlisted as prospective buyers have actually made offers. One week before the deadline Trafalgar House said it would not bid because Royal Ordnance "did not fit in with future plans".

Ferranti would not comment yesterday on its decision but it is believed the company had considered making an offer of about 100 million and felt that the £150 million price-tag was outside its range. A statement confirming the situation is due from the Ministry of Defence today.

Meanwhile, as the privatization of Royal Ordnance nears completion, union pressure against the sale is to be stepped up. Mr Jack Dromey of the TGWU will this morning meet Mr George Younger, the defence secretary, to petition and argue against the privatization. It is believed that the union, which has always feared widespread job losses following the sale, may be planning some form of protest.

A spokesman for Royal Ordnance said: "The union is not in conflict with the company. From the outset it has been emphasized that the privatization is the prerogative and right of the MoD."

Although the main concern of the government will be to secure the best price for the business, the Secretary of State is also keen to see some form of employee share scheme for the Royal Ordnance staff, in line with the type of arrangement which would have been available through last year's aborted stock market flotation.

Change in free zones urged

A constructive change in the Treasury's attitudes towards Britain's free trade zones is called for in an Early Day Motion tabled today, with all-Party support, by Mr David Alton, the Liberal chief whip.

It urges, among other issues, changes in the VAT rules governing freeports. MPs backing the motion say the relaxation of regulations would not have a significant impact on government revenues.

British Shipbuilders plans specialist vessels

Competition by design

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The State-owned British Shipbuilders today launches three designs for specialist vessels that it hopes will help lift the troubled corporation above the financial water line.

The ships — a products tanker, a refrigerated cargo vessel and a scientific research ship — are the result of extensive market research and potential demands from customers over the next decade.

The designs signal Britain's departure from the league of leading merchant shipbuilding nations and her arrival as a producer of small, specialized and profitable ships.

And BS appears to be admitting at least partial defeat in the battle with Far East yards to produce big, standard cargo vessels.

On the opening day of Expoship, the international shipping and shipbuilding exhibition in London, Mr Maurice Phelps, the acting BS chairman, said the corporation's strategy had changed dramatically in recent years. There was no point trying to compete in all corners of the world against prices that could not be beaten.

"We have wasted enormous resources trying to compete. We believe we can develop products with a high intrinsic value that are attractive to customers. Our future lies in the building of high specification, high quality, high price, sophisticated ships," he added.

The new BS strategy of niche marketing will bring it into direct competition with other European shipbuilders, notably the big West German yards.

In addition to the new ships, it is pinning faith on its designs for other custom-made vessels, such as dredgers and ferries.

BS is confident the new computer-designed ships, based on modular construction, will find ready markets, although it says it cannot quantify potential orders.

However, in the case of the reefer, called a Reeflex, BS has been discussing orders with six British and European owners, one of which may order two ships. Prices for the three designs — the products carrier is called Tango, while Questor is the research vessel — will be announced at Expoship.

Trading losses at BS in 1985-86 rose to £137 million from £68 million the previous year but the huge book loss of £248 million on the enforced privatization of the warship yards, plus other provisions, boosted the total loss to a record £430 million.

The shipbuilding workforce has fallen from 35,000 in 1977 to less than 10,000. It is a sign of the amount of capacity streamlining, much of it carried out by Mr Graham Day, the previous chairman, that Mr Phelps was able to say today: "One or two good orders now and our capacity is full for a couple of years."

Latest figures on world shipbuilding underline the overcapacity that still bedevils the industry. The world order book fell by 9.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year and has dropped consistently for every quarter in the last five years.

The United Nations Committee on Trade and Development estimates there is a 25 per cent oversupply of tonnage

BOARD MEETINGS

● **TODAY — Interims:** Bailey (Ben) Construction, London & Strathclyde Trust, MAI, Pacific Sales Organisation, Renishaw. **Finals:** Australian Agricultural Company, BSR International, Cambridge Electronic Industries, Camellia Investments, Eucalyptus Pulp Mills, James Fisher & Sons, Lincroft Kilgour Group, Meggitt Holdings, Metalrax Group, Process Systems, Pearson, Rockwell Group, Sintrom, Sunleigh Electronics, Suter, Transport Development Group, WPP Group.

● **TOMORROW — Interims:** BM Group, Paterson Zochonis. **Finals:** AE, Charterhall, Expamet International, Jamesons Chocolates, Laing Properties, Rotunda, Systems Designers.

● **WEDNESDAY — Interims:** Armitage Brothers, International City Holdings, Logica, Scholes (George H), Pochin's, Sirdar, Tod. **Finals:** Assam-Dooars Holdings, Ault & Wiborg Group, Barker (Charles), DRG, Duncan (Walter) & Goodricke, Halls Home and Gardens, Jones & Shipman, Mackay (Hugh) Carpets, Morgan Grenfell, Norank Systems, Turner & Newall, United Biscuits, Waterford Glass, Waterford Wedgwood Holdings, Watmoughs, Western Dooars Tea Holdings.

● **THURSDAY — Interims:** Barratt Developments, Gent (SR), GR Holdings, Marler Estates, Walker (Thomas), Town Centre Securities, West Yorkshire Independent Hospital. **Finals:** Britoil, Clarke (T), Enterprise Oil, Glentree, Legal & General Group, House of Lerose, OCE (UK), Octopus Publishing Group, Refuge Group, Delaney Group, Spong Holdings, Superdrug Stores, Williams Holdings.

● **FRIDAY — Interims:** Minerals and Resources Corporation.

Ladbroke sale fuels takeover speculation

By Cliff Feltham

The near £30 million raised by Ladbroke Group for the sale of its 20 per cent stake in Central Television, the ITV contractor for the Midlands, is bound to fuel speculation this week that it is clearing the decks for an important acquisition.

The disposal of the shareholding to Mr Michael Green's Carlton Communications, the television services group, over the weekend, comes within a few days of the sale of its local newspaper interests for more than £16 million.

Once again, the argument put forward by Ladbroke is that it wants to concentrate on its core businesses, although many analysts remain convinced that it is preparing a large takeover.

The sale of the television interests, which has been given the blessing of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, took place after lengthy talks between the two companies.

Ladbroke was cock-a-hoop about the deal. Mr John Harounoff, head of public affairs, said yesterday: "While we are very much aware that the ITV companies are trading at peak revenues, the sale of our 20 per cent stake plus the final dividend represents a remarkable return on our investment."

Ladbroke paid about 120p a share — or just over £6 million — for the shareholding, which it is selling at 578p a share. This is 90p more than the shares were standing when Ladbroke announced that it was in talks.

"This isn't a case of clearing the decks for something else. It is a good return on our investment which leaves us free to pursue our core activities," Mr Harounoff said.

Carlton Communications has been attempting to break into commercial television for two years, since the IBA blocked an agreed takeover of Thames Television.

It is the largest operator of television services in Europe and has gained a strong foothold in the United States through the acquisition of Complete Post, a leading supplier to the televison programme market.

Midland decision signals cutbacks

By Our City Staff

The sudden decision by Midland Bank to close its market-making arm of Greenwell Montagu Securities could be the signal for a wave of similar withdrawals or cutbacks as Big Bang begins to bite.

The widespread predictions before deregulation last October that the intense competition would send many market-makers into retreat has been confirmed by the Midland Bank experience — with trading losses of about £6 million. The full costs of closure will be much greater.

It all means that if Midland with its resources is unwilling to continue support for its equity-making operation then the future looks bleak for the other players.

For some time prominent City figures have been saying that the chances of more than 30 market-makers continuing to survive looked remote.

The most immediate likely impact of Midland's somewhat dramatic withdrawal is for the other operators to cut their overheads — with the highly paid dealers first in line to lose their jobs.

Midland bought into the Stock Exchange by taking over the prestigious firm of W Greenwell. Now it is to concentrate on being an agency broker and dealer, a function similar to ordinary stockbrokers before Big Bang.

Midland has said that it thinks others will have to bite the bullet and take similar action.

There have already been signs of limited retrenchment with a number of firms cutting back on their equity operations. Robert Fleming stopped making markets in food stocks and BZW, the securities arm of Barclays Bank, abandoned making a market in television companies' shares.

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Last plea for Finlays

Managers and staff of the 292 Finlays confectioners and newsagents will today make a final appeal to Hanson Trust to halt the sale of the chain to Mr Arunbhai Patel, an Indian businessman, for about £17 million.

About 2,000 staff are involved and their representatives will ask Hanson Trust, which acquired Finlays as part of its takeover of Imperial Group last year, to consider a rival offer from a management buy-out team.

The sale to Mr Patel is due to be completed today and employees fear that it could result in large job losses.

Mr Barry Mitchell, representing the staff, said: "We know that the management team intend to keep the company as a going concern." Last week more than 160 staff lobbied MPs in London.

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USM REVIEW

RMG could be drawing up a bid

Speculation was growing on the Unlisted Securities Market last week that **Ronald Martin Groome**, supplier of school, commercial and gift stationery, was thinking of a full bid for the fully-listed Platignum, manufacturer of pens, writing instruments and school equipment.

The speculation increased after both groups announced a new marketing venture. They have pooled their resources and produced a new back-to-school range of stationery called the "Little Scholar." The range will be produced under the Platignum label for distribution to 12,000 high street customers and hypermarkets.

Ronald Martin Groome came to the USM in November, 1985, at 90p a share and has enjoyed some strong profits growth. Pretax profits for the year to December 31, 1985 were more than doubled at £904,000 and the figures due soon should make pleasant reading also. The price closed on Friday at a peak of 190p.

It could be argued that Mr Maurice Miller and Mr Jeffrey Santhouse view their business through rose-coloured glasses, but **Miller & Santhouse**, Britain's only publicly-quoted optician, is certainly looking for some strong growth over the next few years.

It joined the USM in October last year after a placing via Capel-Cure Myers, the broker, of 1.42 million shares at 105p. On Friday, the price closed at 280p – just 10p below its all-time high – and shows few signs of drifting lower.

Last week, the group pleased the market with interim figures to December 31 showing pretax profits climbing from £150,000 to £251,000, on turnover up from £1.27 million to £2.36 million. Mr Miller described trading as buoyant and ahead of expectations for the time of year.

The group should be capable of profits for the full year of almost £600,000, compared with £362,000 in 1986.

A further six new stores will be opened before the year-end in June, raising the total number of outlets to 33 with most in the Midlands and the North.

Miller & Santhouse believes it has the edge over rivals by offering a comprehensive service for patients wearing spectacles and contact lenses. Even though most of the shares are held by the directors, the market has not ruled out the possibility of a bid.

One of the strangest marriages involving a USM company was announced last week. **Ecobric Holdings**, the troubled demolition and scrap metal merchant, has agreed a refinancing package with Marler Estates, the property developer at the heart of the recently proposed merger between Queens Park Rangers and Fulham football clubs.

Ecobric's problems started in November, when the shares were suspended at 20p and Mr Michael Eaton, former British Coal spokesman during the miners' strike, was appointed chief executive. It had plans to move into mining and decided to ask shareholders for an extra £1.5 million to help finance the deal.

But the rights issue eventually had to be scrapped and now the group has been forced to turn to Marler for the extra cash.

Ecobric, which hit the news last year when a planned televised demolition of a tower block in London's East End ended in failure, has no property assets of its own and so the link-up appeared to have little commercial logic.

But Mr David Bulstrode, Marler's chairman, said the Ecobric business was sound and offered some useful business opportunities.

Head men meet in stationary link-up: David Leeming of Platignum (left) and RMG's Martin Abramson

Expanding Campbell looks for good fits

Miss Sally White, the retail sector analyst, has put Campbell & Armstrong, the Manchester-based shopfitter, which has floundered at about its placing price level of 110p a share since its USM flotation last June, on her "buy" list.

Campbell's shares have drifted as low as 78p since its début and closed at a stagnant 120p on Friday. But they could be set to make up for lost time.

It has orders worth £3.5 million on its books, compared with just £1 million for the same period last year; it has about £500,000 in the bank, with no gearing, and has a string of acquisitions lined up.

Details of the first acquisition, not yet signed and sealed, should be announced in about three weeks, and while Mr Brian Mackerness, the managing director, refuses to specify its line of business, he says it will be in a related field.

"We have been looking for companies in shopfitting, point-of-sale material and other compatible areas," he says. "And everything we are looking at has cash in the bank and no gearing."

Two other acquisitions should also be completed before Christmas. But because of Campbell's strong financial position this burst of takeover activity is unlikely to necessitate a cash call on shareholders. The company is sure sufficient money can be raised "for the foreseeable future" by way of a vendor placing with institutions.

The company's financial year closes at the end of this month and its results are expected in June. Its profits should comfortably exceed market expectations of £1 million, compared with £710,000 pretax last year.

Mr Ray Chambers, a non-executive director, who together with Mr Jack Reading, a fellow non-executive director, owns 61 per cent of Campbell via Broom House, an industrial holding company, hopes it will be ready to progress to the main market by the end of 1988.

"It needs to be three or four times its present size before moving up and we should reach that level by then," he says.

Recent beneficiaries of the Campbell facelift are Curry's, Victoria Wine, Littlewoods and stores in the Sears group. The company is also tendering for contracts to do up branches of Midland Bank.

"Midland wants to redesign 30 or 40 branches this year and 400 next year," says Mr Chambers. "All the other banks are bound to follow."

Michael Clark

Strong hopes for new Korean fund

By Colin Campbell

A new $30 million (£19 million) fund to invest specifically in Korea – the Korea-Europe Fund – is being launched in London today, and later this week in Europe, by Baring Brothers and Ssangyong Investment & Securities, a leading Korean stockbroking firm.

The Korean authorities have traditionally limited foreign investment opportunities to a handful of vehicles, and for this fund only three million shares at $10 each, requiring a minimum investment of $5,000, have been authorized.

The shares are expected to open at a substantial premium when dealings start on the London Stock Exchange. A comparable share – the United States-based Korea Fund – currently trades at $58 a share against a net asset value of $20.

The launch is aimed primarily at institutions in London, Frankfurt, Brussels, Geneva and Paris.

The investment managers, while acknowledging some political risk, believe Korea is a fast-developing economy and that its stock market is promising. The 1986 average p/e ratio on the Korean stock exchange was nine, compared with 19 for Taiwan. The comparable ratios for other South-east Asian markets were: Hong Kong 18.7, Singapore/Malaysia 30, and Japan 46.5.

THIRD MARKET

Capitalization	Company	Price on Friday	Weekly Change
6.150535m	Abelscot Group	230	n/c
4.837832m	Aberdeen Am Petrol	32½	–½
3.538080m	Allied Insurnce	112	–3
3.605966m	Catalyst Commercial	45	n/c
11.85692m	Corton Beach	64½	+½
22.68000m	Eglinton Oil Ireland	40	–7
1.313831m	Do. Warrants	23	–6
2.544322m	Publishing Holdings	25	+2
7.394658m	Theme Holdings	51½	+4½
5.356190m	Unit Group	119	n/c

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.6 (day's range 71.6-71.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4202-2.4317
Australia dollar	2.3372-2.3429
Bahrain dinar	0.5915-0.5956
Brazil cruzado*	31.9689-32.1486
Cyprus pound	0.7620-0.7720
Finland marka	7.1210-7.1610
Greece drachma	211.90-213.90
Hong Kong dollar	12.2990-12.3077
India rupee	20.25-20.46
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4350-0.4390
Malaysia dollar	3.9685-3.9927
Mexico peso	1685.0-1735.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8354-2.8578
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8950-5.9350
Singapore dollar	3.3784-3.3822
S Africa rand (fin)	5.7638-5.7817
S Africa rand (com)	3.2981-3.3106
U A E dirham	5.7600-5.8000

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4390-1.4420
Singapore	2.1430-2.1440
Malaysia	2.5300-2.5310
Australia	0.6735-0.6745
Canada	1.3205-1.3210
Sweden	6.4600-6.4650
Norway	6.9625-6.9675
Denmark	6.9600-6.9650
West Germany	1.8530-1.8540
Switzerland	1.5525-1.5540
Netherlands	2.0920-2.0935
France	6.1600-6.1650
Japan	152.70-152.75
Italy	1316.5-1317.5
Belgium(Comm)	38.32-38.37
Hong Kong	7.8015-7.8020
Portugal	141.90-142.40
Spain	129.98-130.08
Austria	13.03-13.05

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 13	Market rates close March 13	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5740-1.5785	1.5740-1.5755	0.58-0.55prem	1.38-1.33prem
Montreal	2.0754-2.0844	2.0765-2.0720	0.69-0.60prem	1.59-1.44prem
Ams'dam	3.2910-3.3077	3.2912-3.2967	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅛-3⅞prem
Brussels	60.23-60.65	60.36-60.50	20-15prem	42-36prem
C'phgen	10.9629-11.0258	10.9629-10.9891	par-⅛dis	½-⅞dis
Dublin	1.0905-1.0969	1.0929-1.0939	36-43dis	87-99dis
Frankfurt	2.9143-2.9289	2.9143-2.9194	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅜-4⅛prem
Lisbon	223.19-224.55	223.19-224.19	49-154dis	229-346dis
Madrid	204.32-205.46	204.46-204.82	65-79dis	176-220dis
Milan	2069.42-2082.89	2069.42-2078.12	3-1prem	3prem-2dis
Oslo	10.9358-11.0100	10.9519-10.9781	⅛-⅝dis	1-1¾dis
Paris	9.6959-9.7504	9.7020-9.7223	2½-2prem	5-4½prem
St'khlm	10.1491-10.2097	10.1698-10.1905	par-⅛dis	⅛-⅜dis
Tokyo	240.03-241.99	240.03-240.50	1⅝-1½prem	3⅞-3¾prem
Vienna	20.49-20.57	20.49-20.52	12⅝-11prem	28¼-26prem
Zurich	2.2334-2.2455	2.2334-2.2434	1½-1⅜prem	3⅞-3⅝prem

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10½
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 8
Week fixed: 10⅜

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9 11/16	2 mnth 9 9/16
3 mnth 9⅝	3 mnth 9½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 1/32-9 15/16 2 mnth 9 29/32-9 13/32
3 mnth 9 19/32-9 15/32 6 mnth 9 5/16-9 7/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 21/32 2 mnth 10 11/32
3 mnth 10 7/32 6 mnth 9 15/16

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 9
1 week 10⅝-10⅜ 6 mnth 9 13/16-9⅝
1 mnth 10 5/16-10¼ 9 mnth 9 13/16-9⅝
3 mnth 9 31/32-9⅞ 12 mth 9¾-9⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅜ 7 days 10⅜
1 mnth 10 3 mnth 9⅞
6 mnth 9⅝ 12 mth 9⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10 5/16-10 3/16 2 mnth 10 3/16-9 15/16
3 mnth 10-9⅞ 6 mnth 9 13/16-9 9/16
9 mnth 9 13/16-9 9/16 12 mth 9 13/16-9 9/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 10⅜-10¼ 3 mnth 9 29/32-9 25/32
6 mnth 9 11/16-9 9/16 12 mth 9 17/32-9 13/32

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.50-6.45 3 mnth 6.45-6.40
6 mnth 6.45-6.40 12 mth 6.50-6.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6 3/16-6 call 6½-5½
3 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16 1 mnth 6⅛-6
6 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16

Deutschmark
7 days 3 15/16-3 13/16 call 4½-3½
3 mnth 4-3⅞ 1 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16
6 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16

French Franc
7 days 7⅞-7⅝ call 8½-7½
3 mnth 7 15/16-7 13/16 1 mnth 7 15/16-7 13/16
6 mnth 8 1/16-7 15/16

Swiss Franc
7 days 1-⅞ call 1⅞-⅞
3 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16 1 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16
6 mnth 4⅛-4

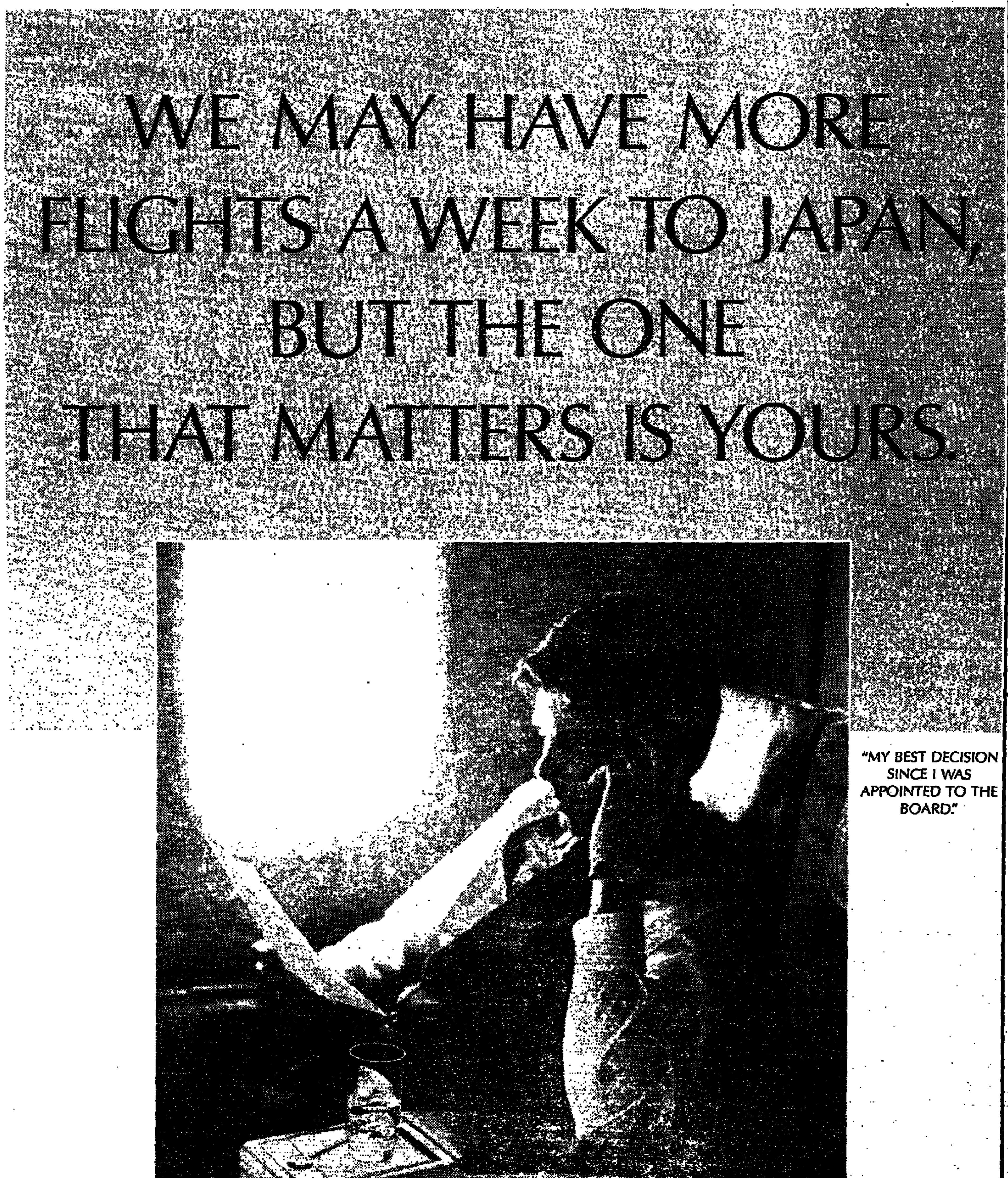
Yen
7 days 4 3/16-4 1/16 call 4⅜-3⅞
3 mnth 4⅝-4½ 1 mnth 4 11/16-4 9/16
6 mnth 4⅝-4½

BULLION

Gold:$404.50-405.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 407.00-410.00 (£258.25-260.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 97.50-98.50 (£61.75-62.50)
Platinum
$ 534.75 (£339.30)
Silver
$ 5.6000-5.6200 (£3.5500-3.5700)

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £507.5M	alloted: £100M
Bids: £97.665%	received: 100%
Last week: £97.59%	received: 100%
Avge rate: £9.2935%	last wk £9.9685%
Next week: £100M	replace £100M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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Kalms in a storm

Stanley Kalms, chairman of Dixons, the consumer electronics chain, is said to be spitting blood. Because the men at Woolies have done it to him again. It was bad enough when their bare-faced cheek last August when, fresh from defeating Dixons' bid for them, they pinched his managing director, Eddie Styring, and three other senior managers to run their own electricals chain, Comet. But now I bear they have signed up two more. Stewart Rand has been recruited as a marketing controller and Gary Richards as a senior products manager. When will this battle end? Not yet, I'm told.

Lunch date

Perhaps times really are changing. Nick Mitchell, the new director general of the British Industry Committee on South Africa, fresh from a fact-finding tour of the troubled African state, tells me he had lunch with Zulu leader Chief Buthelezi, the man responsible for more than 5 million blacks, and was served by white waiters. "I thought it was rather amusing," says Mitchell, whose organisation speaks for companies such as ICI, BP and RTZ, representing two-thirds of the £6 billion invested there by British firms.

● At the Stock Exchange branch of the RAF dinner the other evening, one of the speakers recounted the efforts of three academics trying to decide upon the collective noun for the oldest profession. "A hoard of harlots," said one. "A fanfare of strumpets," said another. "An anthology of pros," quipped the third.

"Nigel is demanding a performance-linked pay deal"

Gipsy souls

Kleinwort Grieveson, the broking firm, has opened a share shop with a difference. In the shopping precinct in suburban Tunbridge Wells, it has, I hear, taken over a former reproduction furnitue shop to house a dozen or so clerks from its transfer department. It is the wandering clerks' third home in almost as many weeks. They were forced to move from Union House, the firm's over-crowded administrative HQ in the town, to a new office a mile away, and have now been turfed out a second time to make way for the computer department. Their new abode is, I gather, far from happy. "They've boarded up the windows, to stop people looking in but it also means that we can't look out," quipped one disgruntled worker.

● The Bonn Government's chief counsel in its unsuccessful attempt to maintain its 471-year-old beer laws, prohibiting foreign imports, was one Martin Seidel. Seidel, as visitors to Bavaria *will* recall, is German for ...tankard.

The AK effect

Hewetsons, the floor manufacturer which was floated on *the USM only last month* had better start preparing its bid defence. It is one of just four publicly-quoted companies on the client list of PR firm Alan Kennard Associates and the other three were all bid for last week. To start with, Chamberlain Phipps, the shoe components and adhesives manufacturer, and a client of Kennard's for 17 years, is fighting off a hostile bid from Wardle Storeys. Then last Tuesday, the other two were set upon — with Charlie Browns Car Part Centres succumbing to an offer from Woolworth and Hillards being bid for by Tesco. "It is a bit much," says a shell-shocked Kennard.

● A stockbroker left his brand new Jaguar in a City car park and returned to find its nearside front wing completely bashed in. On the windscreen was a note saying, "Sorry, it's my fault" and a telephone number. He rang and a voice answered: "Samaritans. Can we help you?"

Carol Leonard

ANALYSIS

A profitable niche in sheltered housing

The problems facing an ageing population are frequently chronicled but rarely accompanied by genuine solutions. It is refreshing, therefore, to come across a development such as sheltered housing, which has gone a considerable way to tackling some of the large *obstacles facing elderly* people, namely accommodation and care.

Sheltered housing is designed for individuals, typically over the age of 55, who are beginning to find onerous the responsibility of living without support. Financial and practical worries about existing homes conspire with preoccupations about security and companionship to make attractive the prospect of moving to a protected environment.

Sheltered housing covers a broad range, from specially-designed units, built in blocks with extensive communal facilities, closely supervised by resident wardens, to detached bungalows in an enclosure with a caretaker on call.

Historically, local authorities and housing associations have provided the bulk of the country's sheltered housing. However, such is the demand that only the needy tend to secure places. This leaves a gap in the market for the property-owning elderly with means.

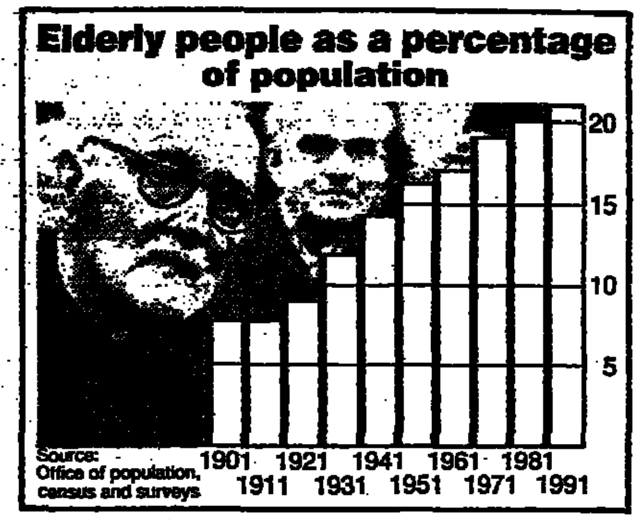
In 1976, the Government published a consultation paper on housing for old people which drew attention to the dearth of sheltered housing.

Mr John McCarthy and Mr William Stone, who had had previous experience as local speculative builders, made a chance response to the document, which has had far-reaching consequences both for their company and the industry.

They had a site in New Milton, Hampshire, which was too small to be developed *profitably* in a more conventional way and, aware of the many retired people on the south coast, they built a block of leasehold sheltered units.

They chose to retain the freehold and manage the completed project themselves. Demand far exceeded their expectations and so they decided to concentrate only on sheltered housing.

Elderly people as a percentage of population



Source: Office of population, census and surveys

Prospects look good

Shares in McCarthy & Stone have had a chequered experience since their début in June 1982. After a meteoric rise, the shares settled into a steady trading range from which they *moved away only at the end of* last year. Prospects for the business continue to be good.

Initially the authorities were suspicious about McCarthy & Stone's plan, believing it would lead to a flood of elderly people into the area. But research showed that almost all purchasers came from the immediate vicinity.

It took time also to convince planners that the density *of units was appropriate for* use by elderly people and that the proximity of shops and other facilities reduced the need for car parking spaces.

Planning, however, remains a perennial problem for McCarthy & Stone and sometimes causes delays on projects.

Margins earned on McCarthy & Stone's sheltered homes are considerably higher than those earned by traditional house builders. Although lower now than in the early heady days, operating margins are about 24 per cent. Land buying is a key to this success, as is the group's modular building programme.

Now that the potential of sheltered housing sites is more widely appreciated, it is hard for McCarthy & Stone to buy at sensible prices. The company's reputation and experience often puts it ahead of the competition but the land-buying programme was kept in check last year, reflecting the high asking prices.

While there has been some return to normality, it is uncertain whether margins will be resilient in a falling market.

McCarthy & Stone has used its original sheltered housing formula with a few modifications to great effect. At the end of its last financial year, it had completed and was managing more than 6,000 sheltered units; it had another 2,000 units built by others under management.

The group has 10 representative offices throughout Britain and has embarked upon its first projects in France and Ireland.

Other projects include 46 *sheltered apartments in* Majorca for holidays or longer stays and a promising move into more extensive sheltered care, encompassing intermediate and full nursing care.

The latter is a natural continuation from McCarthy & Stone's core operation. The market is huge — worth about *£2.2 billion — and, as in the* case of sheltered housing, is inadequately catered for by the public sector.

Projections suggest there will be a 33 per cent increase in demand for residential and nursing care over the next 25 years, which will be absorbed by the private sector. This would expand the private sector share of the total market from less than a third to almost half.

McCarthy & Stone has five nursing home projects under way to accommodate more than 300 people. The first, at Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, is running although it is not yet fully occupied. The site includes a block of intermediate care units where additional services such as food are provided.

The skills involved in *developing nursing and residential* care homes are far removed from the company's origins in speculative housing. However, its management has been developed to include specialists in these areas.

McCarthy & Stone *had its début on* the USM in June, 1982, and soon became one of the star performers, graduating to a full listing 18 months later.

However, the implications of the cash-hungry nature of the business and the company's failure to meet analysts' frequently over-ambitious forecasts, initiated a prolonged period of underperformance.

But last December the group delighted the City with a 68 per cent increase in *annual pretax profits and the* shares leapt back into favour. Indeed, they have been picked by several experts as their favoured building sector share for 1987.

Although many housebuilders include sheltered housing in their repetoire, very few are involved in the management of the projects and are not, therefore, attracted by the potential of the residential and nursing market.

The only other quoted company exclusively involved in sheltered housing is Anglia Secure Homes, building about 200 units a year. It came to market in July, 1986, and is selling on a prospective price earnings ratio of 22 times.

McCarthy & Stone is now better understood by the market. On forecasts of £23.5 million for 1986-87 and £28 million for the following year, the shares, on fully diluted earnings of 27p and 33.1p, are selling on the market multiple.

On this basis they are not expensive. McCarthy & Stone's decision to concentrate on this niche market is paying off handsomely.

Alexandra Jackson

GILT-EDGED

Direction of dollar is the joker in the pack

Three sets of uncertainties now face the gilt-edged market. The first — the shape of fiscal policy — will be cleared *up by* tomorrow's Budget. This may shed some light also on the second area of uncertainty, the timing of the general election. The resolution of the third — the arcane question of currency volatility — will not take place until the direction of the dollar can be seen more easily.

This means that it is difficult to call the shots in gilts at the moment. Much of the news is bullish but simply meets expectations that have been around for some time.

While it was not too *difficult to call the tune in the* market last November when public finances were improving sharply, the opinion polls were going the Government's way, the exchange rate had fallen to a competitive level, and the 10-year gilt yield spread versus US Treasuries had risen to a mammoth 424 basis points, further progress will represent good news rather than the correction of a former undervaluation.

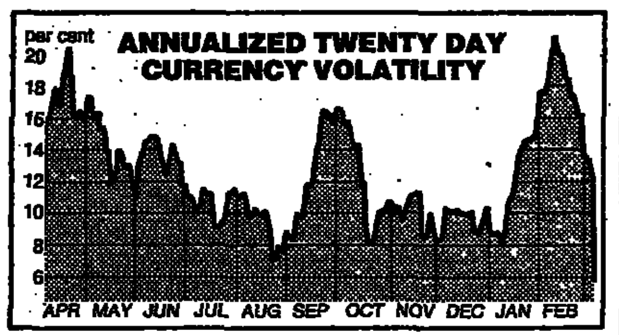
Surprisingly, there is still no strong consensus about the precise shape of *tomorrow's* Budget. There is general agreement that the Chancellor has between £4 billion and £5 billion in "fiscal adjustment", to be taken in a combination of tax cuts and lower borrowing. Estimates of next year's PSBR target range from £4 billion to £6 billion, and estimates of tax cuts from £2 billion to £5 billion.

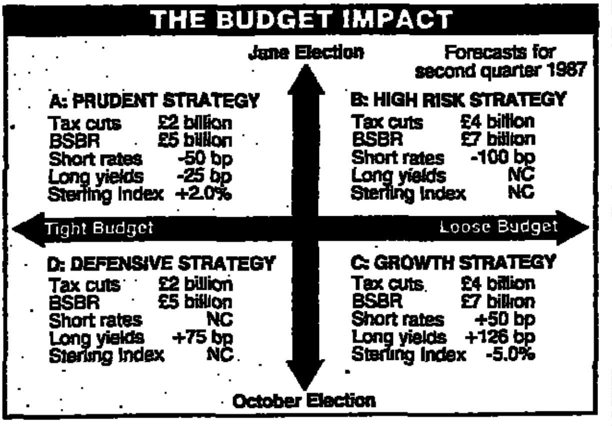
A difference of £2 billion to the gilt-funding programme could be worth 50 basis points of yield, and it should be emphasized that this £2 *billion* difference could double the net gilt-funding programme for 1987-88 — but this year the election adds a new dimension to the usual figuring.

At present, gilt-edged investors are being advised *that* a give-away Budget, perhaps combining £4 billion of tax cuts with a PSBR target of £6 billion, is a recipe for a June election and a tightening of policies thereafter.

A less generous Budget, combining limited tax cuts with a PSBR target of £4 billion to £5 billion, is viewed as a cautious policy designed to help ride out the usual summer uncertainties and prepare for an October election.

If this reasoning is correct, the political and economic influences run in opposite directions for the market, and expectations about yield levels should be clustered together. A tight Budget will cut funding but raise political risk, while a loose Budget will increase new supply but reduce at least the time frame of political risk. On this reasoning, the market probably has nowhere to go, irrespective of another half-point off base rates.





THE BUDGET IMPACT

June Election

Forecasts for second quarter 1987

A: PRUDENT STRATEGY
Tax cuts £2 billion
BSBR £5 billion
Short rates -50 bp
Long yields -25 bp
Sterling Index +2.0%

B: HIGH RISK STRATEGY
Tax cuts £4 billion
BSBR £7 billion
Short rates -100 bp
Long yields NC
Sterling Index NC

Tight Budget

Loose Budget

D: DEFENSIVE STRATEGY
Tax cuts £2 billion
BSBR £5 billion
Short rates NC
Long yields +75 bp
Sterling Index NC

C: GROWTH STRATEGY
Tax cuts £4 billion
BSBR £7 billion
Short rates +50 bp
Long yields +126 bp
Sterling Index -5.0%

October Election

I believe the market will see a relatively tight Budget as a sign that the Government is preparing for a June election. Such a "prudent" strategy should lead to a further rally in the market, taking yields down close to the levels seen last April.

Conversely, big tax cuts and no more than a nominal reduction in the PSBR target ought to be taken as a sign that the Government is not yet confident of its standing. If it becomes the general perception that a loose Budget is not a precursor of an early election then it is difficult to see how gilts can avoid a sell-off during the spring.

All these cases are laid out in the four-quadrant diagram. The market is being advised at present of quadrants B and D, but my analysis places more emphasis on quadrants A and C, both of which imply a significant response in gilts.

Currency volatility — or its absence — could prove to be just as important to gilts (and the sterling markets in general) as the Budget arithmetic. As the chart shows, the volatility or short-term fluctuation of the key mark/dollar rate surged in January and then fell sharply to reach exceptionally low levels. On this reading, the G6 Paris accord of February 22 merely reinforced a trend.

The importance of this much-reduced volatility can be seen in the sizeable inflows of foreign currency into the sterling markets and the narrowing of yield spreads versus all other main government bond markets. The rationale is simply that, if the risk of currency loss is reduced, investors chase yield.

A further narrowing of short-term interest rate differentials and bond yield spreads will inevitably follow an extended period of currency stability; irrespective of the thorny question of EMS participation, this implies lower British interest rates.

Yet the question remains: will volatility stay so low? If the dollar's slide resumes, international investors are likely to focus once more on the mark and yen, the traditional low-yield, low-risk currencies. Higher yielding currencies, including sterling, will then fall out of favour; suddenly, playing the sterling markets could be yesterday's game and we will begin to talk of higher interest rates.

Malcolm Roberts

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COMMENT

Bodies seen through smoke of Big Bang

Long before the formal Stock Exchange revolution last October, conventional wisdom held that all this new competition could not last, ambitious outsiders would have their fingers burnt and only the fit — or those with the longest pockets — would survive. The first big casualty has emerged after five months.

Midland Bank's Greenwell Montagu has withdrawn from making markets in shares after running up losses of £6 million at an accelerating pace. It will also have to write off overheads of perhaps £4 million.

This does not quite fit the predictions. The enthusiasm of bank and foreign-*controlled firms for* setting up as primary dealers in government stocks produced the most clearcut overcapacity — in the very market where institutional investors aimed to cut the costs of dealing most dramatically. The potential for running up large losses is alarming.

In equities, success or failure need not be so dramatic. Last week, Robert Fleming and Barclays de Zoete Wedd both withdrew from individual share sectors. But Citicorp's Scrimgeour Vickers aims to take on some of the people displaced by Midland. Such retreats and advances should be almost routine as competition evolves.

Competition is, however, as strong in equities as in gilt-edged. Last October, 31 firms started making markets in equities compared with thirteen jobbers, eight small or specialized, under the old system.

Midland does not seem to have read this situation too brilliantly. Greenwell, the broker it bought, had a big gilt-edged business, ideal for converting into a primary dealership, but its reputation in the equity market was based on specialized research. Midland did not (like Barclays or Natwest) buy an existing jobber and so had to start from scratch.

Yet it made a market in 400 shares and went all out for volume, by cutting its spread between bid and offer prices into the marrow. The Bank notes that the best spread on small quantities of the biggest alpha stocks fell after Big Bang from about 0.8 to 0.6 per cent on average "concealing a range from as low as zero in a small number of cases to about 1.5 per cent". Greenwell was at the lower end.

Clearing bank ambitions aside, it might have been more sensible to *remain as a agency broker in shares* —as Greenwell Montagu now intends to do. Even so, Midland might have been expected to back its strategy with a deeper pocket than most. But dealing in gilt-edged, where Greenwell is doing well, fits in much better with a bank's culture than making books in hundreds of different shares. Given that Midland needs maximum profits to boost the weakest equity base of the big four, its incoming chairman, Sir Christopher "Kit" McMahon, could readily identify equity market-making as a disposable fringe activity — and potentially big liability if prices turned sour.

Midland's early action may well release others from the need to save face and stick losses in either the gilt-edged or equity markets. But would a shakeout undo the benefits of Big Bang to the Stock Exchange's customers? The Bank study painted a rosy picture of greater liquidity, smaller spreads (especially in second-line stocks) and lower commissions.

The cost benefits were always going to be overwhelmingly *for institutions* buying and selling big blocks of shares or gilt-edged. Costs in the gilt-edged market were held up artificially by the old restrictive practices that will not be seen again however many quit. In equities, lower transaction costs have come in three ways: the Government cut stamp duty; *commission* has been saved by cutting out the agency broker to deal direct or negotiating low fees; spreads have been squeezed by competition among market-makers. In practice, narrower spreads between buying and selling prices have had the least impact of the three on large deals, even in *second line stocks.*

Any threat to costs savings depends on how excess capacity is sorted out. This process will most likely lead to greater specialization in the equity market rather than total withdrawal. The Midland is withdrawing its remaining capital. Other market-makers squeezed in the alpha list have already put more emphasis on medium-sized companies, improving competition there.

And the integration of markets has improved both liquidity and standards for trading in the smallest companies *(most of interest to the private investor)* that might otherwise have been confined to the bucket shop. Specialization in marketmaking will help to revive the role of broker/agents, which have now an additional keen competitor in the Midland.

The uncomfortable fact remains that something has to give in the securities markets. Investment in advanced technology has multiplied, rent costs of new dealing rooms have soared and, at the sharp end, pay has been dramatically inflated, as may be judged from the mansions and luxury cars inevitably pictured when anyone gets into trouble.

Since commissions and trading margins have been squeezed, these extra costs must be paid for by either much higher turnover or big job cuts. Turnover has certainly risen sharply (only partly due to booming share prices). As campaigners against the remaining stamp duty will remind the Chancellor, however, London stocks still turn over more slowly than those in other leading centres. On the calculations of Morgan Stanley Capital International for 1986 (almost all before Big Bang) the London market turned over a third of the total market value of its stocks, while Tokyo, the German exchange and New York turned over nearly two thirds.

The scope is there to pay for the gleaming new City. The drive to keep luxury life styles provides the incentive.

Graham Searjeant

Financial Editor

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,070,000	A & M Gp	13½	..	0.6e	4.4	16.3
11.4m	ASD	160	-10	11.4	7.1	6.8
5,979,000	ATA Selection	64	+6	2.1	3.3	17.2
11.2m	Abbeycrest	172	+10	3.6	2.1	24.6
6,360,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	53	..	1.7e	3.2	14.8
—	Access Satellite	..	..	4.61	..	..
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13.4m	Gibbs Mew	243	●-1	5.7	2.3	26.7
32.5m	Gilbert House	113	+15	..	..	..
3,120,000	Global Gp	78	●-3	4.3	5.5	12.3
6,242,000	Godwin Warren	129	..	3.1	2.4	18.4
18.4m	Goodhead Print	200	●-5	4.6	2.3	22.3
2,863,000	Gould (Laurence)	131	-4	5.3	4.0	10.6
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51.1m	Pepe Group	260	●+27	4.7	1.8	25.0
10.8m	Pericom	145	-3	3.6	2.5	10.0
3,254,000	Perkins (J)	34	●-2	1.7	5.0	17.5
7,598,000	Personal Computer	181	●-2	4.3	2.8	15.4
9,281,000	Peters (Michael)	181	+4	3.7	2.8	22.2
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Big markets in Russia wait for UK exports

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Business worth millions of pounds of British exports to Russia, channelled through Finland, is waiting to be tapped.

This emerges from the recent accord between British industrial leaders and the Soviet officials. And Finnish officials and industrialists believe that Britain should take advantage of the Finns' longstanding and close ties with Russia.

The accord hammered at a conference in London, attended by 150 British companies, Finnish industry representatives and Russian observers, highlights Finland's unique role in fostering the boom in the West's trade with Russia as a result of the Gorbachev economic reforms.

Lord Jellicoe, chairman of the East European Trade Council and also of the Davy Corporation, said that the Anglo-Soviet accordhad made clear the considerable opportunities that existed for Britian in the Soviet market, particularly in chemicals, electronics, information technology, automated control systems, modernization and plant refurbishment and the entire agricultural business sector.

Lord Jellicoe: urges use of the Finnish connection

"Given the will, effort and persistence there is no reason why the UK should continue humbly to stand sixth or seventh among the Soviet Union's trading partners," he said.

Lord Jellicoe said also that Finland occupied a special position among free nations trading with the Soviet Union and past experience had shown that Anglo-Finnish commercial marriages worked well.

There had been remarkable stability in post-war Soviet-Finnish relations compatible with Finnish democracy.

The Finns have completed 100 projects in Russia worth a total of £4 billion, compared with total British exports to the Soviet Union last year of £554 million.

A leading Finnish industrialist, Mr Risto Kangas-Ikkala, president of the Finn-Stroi construction group, said that work by by Finland included pulp and paper mills, hotel projects in Moscow and Leningrad, an eye clinic project in 12 cities and a video recorder factory.

Most other European contracts had been shared among Austria, Italy and Yugoslavia, with the Italians winning large turnkey projects.

The Russians were planning to raise modernization investment from 35 per cent to 50 per cent in construction work by 1990, and investment in Western machinery and process technology would be worth several hundred million pounds a year.

There were up to 300,000 incomplete projects in the Soviet Union offering opportunities for the sale of project management services by the West.

In cooperation with European suppliers Finland had already built new harbours, the Moscow air cargo terminal, a shoe factory and a wallpaper factory, and a £10 million men's suits factory built with French collaboration.

"The Soviet programme to upgrade industrial and other production will require intensive construction projects where Western process technology is required and production has to be brought onstream as quickly as possible."

Trade between Finland and Russia is covered by five-year agreements with payments made through joint clearing accounts which require a very high domestic content of Finnish export.

No attack planned by brewers

By Anne Warden

British brewers were cautious at the weekend about stepping in where West German beer laws yielded last week.

The European Court of Justice ruled on Thursday that the 471-year-old West German laws governing the content of beer sold in the country conflicted with EEC free trade principles.

British brewers, however, see greater export possibilities in the southern EEC countries such as Italy and Spain.

They expect the ruling against the German laws to override similar restrictions on beer content in Greece, opening up another potential southern market, although on a smaller scale.

There is, however, optimism that Britain's share of West German beer consumption, the highest in Europe at 255 pints per head a year, will increase. About 25,000 barrels of British beer are exported to Germany, compared with about 600,000 barrels imported by Britain from Germany.

A spokesman for Allied Breweries, part of the Allied Lyons group, which holds the licence to brew the German Löwenbräu brand here, said: "I don't think we are setting out to take on the German market in a big way."

Guinness and Bass, both of which export beers to Germany, expect increased sales there.

COMPANY NEWS

● **LIBERTY LIFE ASSOCIATION:** Final dividend of 210c making 360c (300c) for 1986. Figures in US$000s. Net premium income and annuity considerations 932.2 (686.9), net income from investments and sundry income 506.1 (377.2), total income 1,438.3 (1,064.1), profit after tax 90.1 (64.1).

● **WILLIAM BEDFORD:** Results for the year to December 31. Figures in £s. Final dividend 3p (3p) making 4.5p (4.5p). Turnover 3,349,623 (2,903,797), pretax profit 759,348 (938,151), tax 270,562 (392,575), earnings per share 10.2p (11.9p)

● **YOUGHAL CARPETS:** No dividend for 1986 (nil). Figures in Ir£000. Turnover 44,586 (42,206), trading profit before interest 1,145 (452 loss), pretax profit 303 (1,437 loss), earnings per share 1.3p (2.8p loss), fully diluted earnings per share 0.1p.

● **JAMES WILKES:** Dividend of 3.75p (same), making 6.75p (same) for the year to December 31. Figures in £s. Turnover 7,943,725 (5,747,245), pretax loss 215,917 (788,424 profit), tax 44,058 credit (246,442), loss after tax and before extraordinary items 171,859 (541,982 profit), extraordinary debits after tax 20,000 (177,551), loss per share 4.2p (13.3p earnings).

● **SYCAMORE:** No dividend for the year to September 30. Figures in £000s. Turnover 4705 (10051), gross profit 886 (2,111), distribution costs 605 (1,661), administration expenses 571 (1,060), pretax loss 327 (820 loss), tax 1 (nil), extraordinary income 1,779 (710 charge), loss per ordinary share before extraordinary item 3.9p (9.69p), loss after earnings 17.12p (18.09 loss).

● **BRITISH PETROLEUM:** The company has contracted the Sedco 700 semi-submersible rig to drill an exploration well in the North Sea basin. It is joined in the undertaking by Atlantic Resources which has contributed 40 per cent.

● **HUGHES TOOL COMPANY:** The company is proposing to merge with Baker International. The Department of Justice has agreed to give Baker Hughes six months, instead of three months, to sell a package of assets consisting primarily of Baker's domestic tricone rock bit business.

● **ABACO INVESTMENTS:** The company has acquired Levens, the firm of residential and commercial estate agents trading from 12 offices in south-east London and Kent and has two more offices due to open soon.

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
74.7m	Alsa	147	● ..	3.8b	2.4	28.7
437.3m	Alliance	867	●-25	38.7	3.7	37.6
127.1m	Amer Trust	155	..	4.4	2.8	43.2
271.8m	Ang Amer Sec	476	●-6	10.0	2.1	55.7
149.3m	Atlantic Assets	122	+1	0.9	0.7	88.1
61.9m	Bankers	80	●+1	4.4b	5.5	57.1
90.2m	Berry	284	+2	1.6	0.8	..
286.0m	Br Assets	75	+1	3.3b	4.4	34.2
54.5m	Br Empire Sec	41	..	0.9	2.2	93.2
335.7m	Br Inv	538	+5	22.5	4.2	34.5
75.5m	Brunner	118	●-2	3.5	3.0	48.4
138.0m	Cont & Ind	815	●-28	31.4	3.9	24.2
67.5m	Crescent Japan	280	●+3	0.4	0.2	..
17.7m	Derby Inc	150	+1	13.0	8.7	18.4
25.4m	Do Cap	198	..	..	..	..
150.2m	Drayton Cons	444	..	15.4	3.5	41.2
35.0m	Drayton Far East	208	●+2	1.7	0.8	..
187.7m	Drayton Japan	695	●+9	1.5	0.2	..
45.0m	Dundee Lon	268	+2	8.6	3.2	44.0
92.8m	Edin Amer Asset	117	●-3	0.9	0.8	..
524.0m	Edinburgh	183	+2	5.3b	2.9	53.8
87.9m	Electric Gen	485	+5	6.8	1.4	81.4
41.9m	English Int	203	+4	5.5	2.7	58.7
97.2m	English Scot	122	●-1	2.2	1.8	73.5
228.4m	Ensign	78	..	1.3	1.7	78.6
65.9m	F & C Alliance	146	..	2.7	1.8	77.9
136.4m	F & C Pacific	257	+1	2.1	0.8	89.2
9,937,000	First Charlotte	13¼	-½	0.1	0.8	..
131.1m	First Scot Amer	414	●-6	17.1	4.1	38.4
104.6m	Fleming American	633	●+1	8.9	1.4	97.2
48.4m	Fleming Claver	232	●+2	8.1	3.5	44.8
38.8m	Fleming Enterprise	388	●+2	12.9	3.3	49.5
231.3m	Fleming Far East	153	-1	1.4	0.9	..
21.9m	Fleming Fledgling	174	●+1	3.8	2.1	67.4
122.1m	Fleming Japan	159	+3	1.0	0.6	74.3
283.2m	Fleming Mercantile	198	+1	5.4	2.8	52.1
244.4m	Fleming Overseas	184	●-1	2.9b	1.6	91.1
71.7m	Fleming Tech	182	-2	0.8	0.5	..
109.0m	Fleming Universal	167	-1	2.1b	1.3	81.5
845.3m	For Col	123	●-1	2.4	2.0	71.5
82.9m	GBC Capital	114	-1	..	..	..
74.1m	GT Japan	250	●+2	2.0	0.8	..
70.1m	General Cons	375	● ..	18.6	4.9	28.4
77.3m	General Funds	244	● ..	3.1	1.3	..
59.8m	Glasgow Stock	180	..	3.3	1.8	73.5
785.4m	Globe (int)	151	+1	5.3	3.5	38.8
128.6m	Govett Atlantic	160	-1	4.3b	2.7	48.2
240.7m	Govett Oriental	258	-2	3.3	1.2	..
318.0m	Govett Strategy	324	+2	5.4	1.7	68.8

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
34.8m	Greenfriar	484	● ..	2.9	0.7	..
16.0m	Gresham House	390	..	8.4	2.2	47.9
123.3m	Hambros	231	+4	6.4	2.8	51.0
81.0m	India Fund	108	..	..	..	..
59.3m	Invest in Success	970	-3	8.2	0.8	..
214.6m	Inv Cap	347	●+3	17.1b	4.9	32.4
44.8m	Ivory & Sime	183	..	7.1	3.9	25.1
40.3m	Japan Assets	68	+½	0.7	1.1	..
98.8m	Kleinwort Charter	122	●+1	3.7	3.0	48.6
130.7m	Kleinwort O'seas	163	●+2	3.8	2.2	64.7
18.0m	Kleinwort Smaller	410	●+5	13.1	3.2	43.1
68.2m	Law Debenture	301	● ..	10.7	3.6	30.4
124.6m	Lon Merchant Sec	78	+8	3.7	4.7	15.8
85.0m	Lon Trust	72	-1	1.1e	1.6	78.1
156.5m	Merchants	153	+2	6.4	4.2	33.1
2,741.2m	Merrill Lynch	£28½	-⅛	..	..	..
190.1m	Monks	245	..	3.7b	1.6	82.5
157.8m	Murray Income	192	..	8.6b	4.5	35.6
225.8m	Murray Intl	189	●-3	7.1	3.8	36.8
108.8m	Murray Small	385	..	4.1n	1.1	..
49.5m	Murray Venture	238	-1	7.1b	3.0	54.2
28.4m	New Court	585	..	22.5	4.0	33.5
6,601,000	New Darien Oil	66	+1	1.0	1.6	83.5
28.1m	New Throg Inc 88	72	+½	4.8b	6.7	20.3
57.5m	New Tokyo	245	●-1	0.3	0.1	..
75.4m	Nth Atlantic Sec	404	-2	4.9	1.2	..
4,200,000	Nth Sea Assets	35	+1	..	..	10.4
148.2m	Nthn Amer	442	-4	7.7	1.7	..
16.9m	Pacific Assets	141	+2	1.1	0.8	..
——	Do Wrnts	95	-1	..	..	..
7,815,000	Personal Assets	51	..	0.5	1.0	..
131.3m	Raeburn	491	+2	19.3	3.9	39.5
103.2m	River & Merc	215	●-2	10.0b	4.7	35.8
50.2m	River Plate	321	●-5	12.9	4.0	34.7
——	Robeco	302	-6	..	..	..
——	Rolinco	285	-9	..	..	..
118.5m	Romney	408	●+2	7.1	1.7	..
3,025.0m	Rorento	£15½	-⅛	..	..	..
61.1m	St Andrew Inv Tst	178	●-1	5.0	2.8	47.5
55.7m	Schroder Global	238	..	..	..	..
377.8m	Scottish	448	+5	9.4	2.1	68.1
214.6m	Scot American	98	●-1	2.9b	3.0	54.9
312.5m	Scot Eastern	148	..	3.1	2.1	64.9
14.5m	Scot Merc 'A'	91	..	6.4	7.0	..
480.2m	Scot Mtge	638	..	12.6	2.0	68.8
232.6m	Scot Nat	365	+2	7.6	2.1	61.7
161.4m	Second Alliance	841	● ..	27.9	3.3	41.4
176.1m	Secs Tst of Scotland	110	..	4.3b	3.9	40.4
40.2m	Smaller Cos	102½	..	2.0	2.0	71.7

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
34.5m	TR Australia	117	+1	3.3	2.8	34.5
140.5m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	79½	..	3.1	4.2	34.5
543.2m	TR Ind & Gen	125½	-½	2.9b	2.3	54.3
90.8m	TR Natural Res	153	-1	5.9	3.9	32.8
88.4m	TR North America	107	-1	2.6b	2.4	54.3
145.0m	TR Pacific Basin	212	-1	1.4	0.7	..
107.5m	TR Property	83	-1	1.9	2.3	55.3
290.0m	TR Tech	138	..	2.6	1.9	65.1
199.5m	TR Trustees	112	●+2	3.1	2.8	48.5
117.3m	Temple Bar	205	●+2	8.9	4.3	29.9
216.9m	Throgmorton	388	●-2	13.7	3.5	40.2
10.6m	Throg Dual	305	..	..	..	..
92.2m	Tribune	180	● ..	4.8	2.7	42.4
21.2m	Triplevest Inc	68½	+1	17.1	25.2	8.9
248.4m	US Debenture	300	●-5	9.3	2.6	47.6
7,744,000	Value Inc Tst	49	+1	1.8	3.7	..
18.8m	Viking Resources	47	+1½	2.9	6.2	23.2
75.9m	Westpool	77	+7	2.3	3.0	37.9
455.6m	Witan	133½	+½	2.8b	1.9	70.9

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11212.2m	American Express	249⅞	+¼	..	..	..
31.8m	Argyle	148	●+22	2.9	2.0	44.3
13.5m	Boustead	35	-1	.. ●	..	97.3
388.4m	Britannia Arrow	178	+7	8.0	3.4	20.8
144.6m	Daily Mail	529	..	65.7	3.0	17.5
139.6m	Do 'A'	528	+1	65.7	3.1	16.9
273.7m	Electra	183	+1	5.8	3.2	42.3
37.4m	Eng Trust	178	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
784.9m	Exco	335	+6	6.0	1.8	21.8
16.0m	Exploration	133	●+8	3.3	2.5	17.5
54.3m	Framlington	938	● ..	15.7	1.7	24.5
20.8m	Frost Gp	145	..	7.1	4.9	15.7
115.2m	GT Management	238	-3	4.3	1.8	17.9
71.2m	Goode Durrant	185	●-1	3.5	1.9	26.2
264.6m	Henderson Admin	£12⅝	..	22.1	1.7	25.2
104.0m	ICH	211	-10	12.9	6.1	9.3
351.2m	MAI	518	+12	25.0	4.8	11.0
199.0m	M & G	285	-4	7.5	2.6	16.6
262.1m	Mercantile House	333	-2	20.0	6.0	6.3
74.8m	Pacific Inv Tst	149	+1	0.6	0.4	..
——	Do Warrants	71	+1	..	..	..
46.6m	Smith New Court	170	+10	10.0	5.9	8.4

APPOINTMENTS

Timber Growers United Kingdom: **Lord Gibson-Watt** succeeds **Mr DW Landale** as chairman.

Commet: **Sir Trevor Holdsworth** has been elected honorary president.

Dunhill Holdings: **Mr John Manners** joins the board.

SPP Pumps: **Mr Owen Shevlin** is managing director from March 30.

Caradon Elliott: **Dr David Pendlebury** has been appointed managing director.

Prudential Venture Managers: **Mr Martin Clarke** and **Mr Jonathan Morgan** are assistant directors.

Jane's Publishing Company: **Mr Sidney Jackson** is chairman from March 30.

WS Atkins: **Professor John Fyfe** becomes a director, Human Resources Development.

Prontaprint Holdings: **Mr Derek Mottershead** is managing director.

Bowring Marine & Energy Insurance Brokers: **Mr AF Fortescue** succeeds **Mr DH Mead** as chairman.

C.T. Bowring (Insurance): **Mr G Stangroom** and **Mr J Nightingale** join the board.

Bowring Aviation: **Mr G Stangroom, Mr R Sanderson, Mr J Nightingale** and **Mr GR Capel Cure** become directors.

CCA: **Mrs Lynne Williams** joins as gallery director.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	10.50%
BCCI	10.50%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.50%
Co-operative Bank	10.50%
C. Hoare & Co	10.50%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.50%
Lloyds Bank	10.50%
Nat Westminster	10.50%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.50%
TSB	10.50%
Citibank NA	10.50%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

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Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by the Company on 8 January 1987 NOTICE is now given that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or after 16 March 1987.

Gross Distribution per Unit	3.25	cents
Less 15% U.S.A. Withholding Tax	0.4875	cents
	2.7625	cents
Converted at $1.585	£0.017429022	

Claims should be lodged with the DEPOSITARY; National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Third Floor, 20 Old Broad Street, London EC2, on special forms obtainable from that Office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate square on the back of the certificate.

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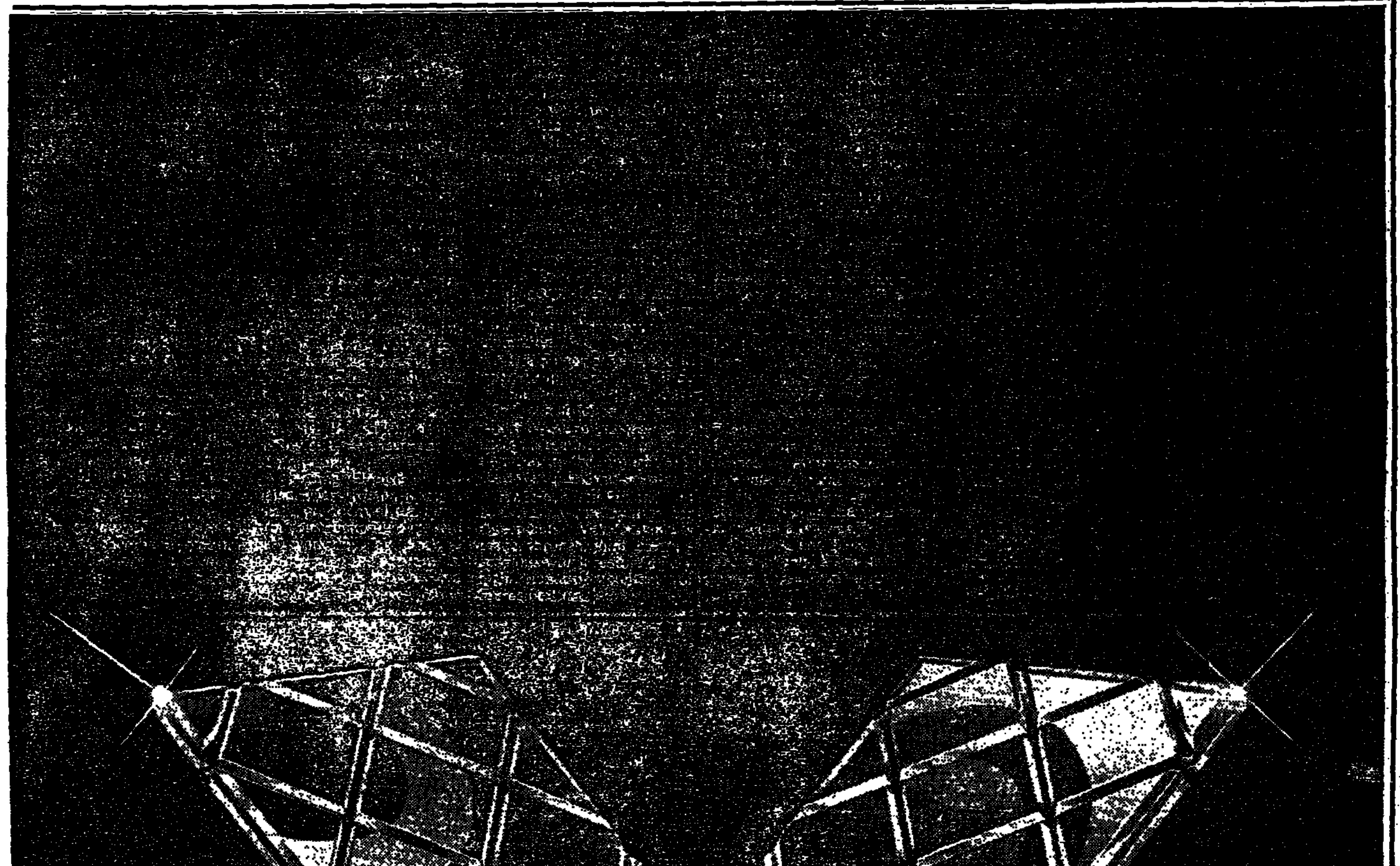
DATE: 9 March 1987



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BT Rolatruc have pioneered many of the latest innovations in automated handling systems, developing design concepts and equipment that consistently produce the lowest cost per case handled. A fact that has been readily acknowledged and recognised by the increasing number of top British Companies who choose BT Rolatruc to provide the efficient solution to their handling problems.

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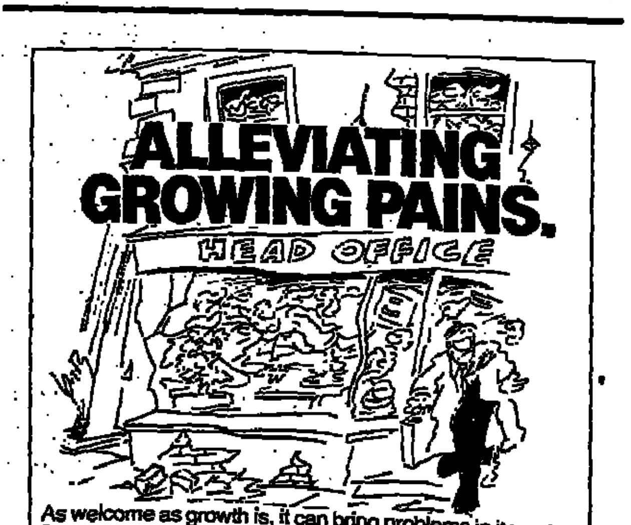

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COMPANY NEWS

● **WORLD OF LEATHER:** Year to December 31. Dividend 3p. Figures in £000s. Turnover 11,617 (9,136), profit before tax 1,252 (1,224), tax 454 (517), extraordinary debt 66 (nil). Earnings per share pre-extraordinary items 10p (9.4p). Extraordinary item is the provision for the loss on a loan for a former US associated company.

● **ST DAVID'S INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim dividend 2.5p. Income from fixed asset investments for the six months to January 31 (four months to July 31, 1986): franked £151,926 (£106,709); unfranked £23,785 (£10,113). Interest receivable £14,562 (£13,505). Administration expenses £46,444 (£35,441). Pre-tax revenue £143,829 (£94,886). Tax £41,860 (£27,681). Earnings per share 2.49p (2.38p). Valuation of investments £8,737,371 (£7,893,658). Net current assets £412,996 (£196,534), making £9,140,367 (£8,090,192). Net asset value per income share 100.24p (100.25p); per capital share 122.69p (97.07p).

● **GENERAL MINING UNION CORPORATION:** Final dividend 150 cents, making 230c (195c) for 1986. Figures in R000s. Source income after exploration costs and amortization 937.2 (967.3). Income before tax 70.4 (485.2). Tax 79.2 (82.2). Consolidated income 502.5 (350.7). Equity accounted income 87.6 (102.9). Extraordinary items 254.0 debit (8.5 debit). Dividend payable April 16.

● **SANDVIK AB:** Dividend Skr3.50 (2.62). Figures for 1986 in Skr millions. Invoiced sales 12,721 (12,518). Cost of production, sales and administration 10,472 (10,376). Scheduled depreciation 463 (474). Trading profit 1,786 (1,668). Financial earnings and expenses, net debit 95 (200). Exchange differences on loans 33 (142). Non-recurring earnings and expenses debit 30 (1). Employees' share of profit — loss 16 (nil). Appropriations 597 (327). Profit before tax 1,081 (1,282). Tax 514 (344). Minority interest debit 50 (40).

● **BARRACK MINES:** Unaudited net profit soared to Aus$6.14 million in the half-year to end-December (Aus$950,000) after record December quarter gold production of 19,676 ounces from Barrack's 66 per cent owned Horseshoe Lights Mine, Western Australia. The company will make a two-for-one bonus issue from the share premium reserve to increase issued capital to 60 million shares. Net profit, after depreciation and amortization, was Aus$3.50 million, (Aus$1.82 million). Interest Aus$2.41 million (Aus$1.13 million). Earnings per share 31.41 cents (7.96c). Operating revenue Aus$20.36 million (Aus$13.38 million).

● **W&R JACOB:** Final dividend 4.7p, making 7p (6p on old capitalization) for 1986. Figures in Ir£000s. Turnover 58,448 (58,096). Trading profit before interest 2,622 (2,022). Interest 511 (959). Profit before tax 166 (127). Extraordinary debt nil (431). Earnings per ordinary share 20.9p (11.6p).

● **CSC INVESTMENT TRUST:** Results for the year to December 31. Dividend 5.75p (5.75p), making 9.35p (9.35p). Income from fixed assets investments: franked income listed UK £233,561 (£252,488), unlisted UK £2,593 (nil). Unfranked income listed UK £53,843 (£69,128); listed abroad £36,160 (£20,762); unlisted UK £22,288 (£13,137), making £348,445 (£355,515). Revenue after charges £235,624 (£236,737). Tax on revenue £62,722 (£75,339). Valuation of investments £3,777,701 (£3,304,434). Net asset value 154.12p (142.93p). Earnings per share 10.51p (9.81p).

● **ANTLER:** Results for the year ended December 31 (comparisons restated). Final dividend 2p, payable May 21. Figures in £000s. Turnover 10,043 (9,554). Operating profit 871 (733). Tax 295 (317). Extraordinary items debit 58 (nil). Profit attributable to shareholders 518 (416). Earnings per share 9.8p (7.1p).

● **STOCKHOLDERS FAR EAST INVESTMENTS INC:** Results for the year to December 31. Interim dividend $0.015. Investments at valuation $40,720,684 ($23,633,515). Net current assets $1,718,074 ($148,478). Total net resources $42,438,758 ($23,781,993). Net asset value $5.30 ($2.97). Dividends and interest receivable $649,302 ($520,480). Expenses and interest payable $533,788 ($392,980). Earnings $115,514 ($127,500). Earnings per share $0.014 ($0.016).

● **ANGLO AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL CORPN:** Final dividend 135 cents, making 190c (180c) for 1986, payable May 8. Figures in R000s. Turnover 3,138 (2,559); earnings 443 (268) before tax of 76 (42) and minorities of 96 (53). Earnings per share 516c (347c).

● **LYSANDER PETROLEUM:** Results for the half-year to September 30. Turnover £96,135 (£15,648). Loss before tax £156,595 (£86,208 loss). No tax (nil). Loss per share 0.97p (0.5p).

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of Pacific Lighting Overseas Finance, N.V.

8% Guaranteed Debentures Due April 15, 1988

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Article Three of the Indenture dated as of April 15, 1973, among Pacific Lighting Overseas Finance, N.V. (the "Company"), Pacific Lighting Corporation as Guarantor, and Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, as Trustee, $2,400,000 principal amount of the Company's 8% Guaranteed Debentures due April 15, 1988 (the "Debentures") that are presently outstanding under the Indenture will be redeemed on April 15, 1987 (the "redemption date") at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

As of the date of this notice, there are $8,400,000 aggregate principal amount of Debentures outstanding.

Debentures to be redeemed are numbered as follows:

M-10	415	840	1683	2061	3300	3772	5274	7126	8094	10804	11558	11890	12181	12473	12832	13376	14232	14703	20290	20592	20893	23581	24083	24732
12	418	847	1687	2065	3302	3773	5279	7327	8201	10806	11559	11894	12182	12477	12834	13379	14240	14705	20292	20597	20904	23641	24092	24733
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14	420	856	1694	2082	3305	3847	5295	7330	8208	10809	11564	11896	12191	12491	12840	13427	14247	14712	20296	20600	20906	23649	24096	24735
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Solicitor's responsibility for court undertakings

Udall v Capri Lighting Ltd (re: Richard Oxley Whiting, a solicitor)

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment March 12]

Where a solicitor gave an undertaking on behalf of his client during the course of proceedings and subsequently the undertaking became impossible of performance the solicitor could not realistically be expected to carry it out. If the court had evidence of impossibility it would not make an order.

On non-performance of a solicitor's undertaking the court, in exercise of its inherent supervisory jurisdiction over solicitors, could exercise its compensatory jurisdiction. Although the jurisdiction was compensatory and not punitive it retained a disciplinary slant.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowed an appeal by Mr Richard Oxley Whiting, a solicitor, acting for Capri Lighting Ltd, the defendant in the action by the plaintiff, Mr Robert Alan Udall (trading as Udall Sheet Metal and Co), from an order dated December 11, 1985, of Sir Neil Lawson, sitting as a judge of the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court.

The judge ordered that Mr Whiting should carry out his undertaking given in the course of the proceedings that the directors of the defendant would give second charges on their personal properties to meet the defendants' liability towards Mr Udall.

The court also allowed Mr Udall's cross-appeal seeking, *inter alia*, an order for compensation in making good all losses occasioned by Mr Whiting's breach of duty to perform his undertaking.

Mr James Munby for Mr Whiting; Mr John G. Ross for Mr Udall.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that on evidence put in since the judgment below the undertaking had become impossible of performance. It was old and trite law that the court would not make any order in vain: *New Brunswick etc Co v Muggeridge* ((1859) 4 Drew 686, 699) cited and applied by Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, in *Tito v Waddell (No 2)* ([1977] Ch 106, 326).

There was the further point that disobedience of the court's order was a contempt, and contempt was punishable with imprisonment. It was unthinkable that a court should put a man at risk of imprisonment by making an order which it knew, at the time of making the order, was impossible of performance.

With regard to the question of compensation for breach of the udertaking, there were three ways a party could proceed against a solicitor:

1 By an action at law, if there was a cause of action;
2 By an application to the court to exercise its inherent supervisory jurisdiction; or
3 By an application to the Law Society.

It was the second with which the instant case was concerned.

The nature of the jurisdiction was explained by Lord Wright in *Myers v Elman* ([1940] AC 282, 319). It was not merely punitive but compensatory. It still retained a disciplinary slant and was only available where the conduct of the solicitor was inexcusable and such as to merit reproof: *R. and T. Thew Ltd v Reeves (No 2)* ([1982] QB 1283, 1286).

If the misconduct of the solicitor led to a person suffering loss, then the court had power to order the solicitor to make good the loss occasioned by his breach of duty: *Marsh v Joseph* ([1897] 1 Ch 213, 244-245).

Failure to implement a solicitor's undertaking was *prima facie* to be regarded as misconduct on his part and that was so even though he had not been guilty of dishonourable conduct: *United Mining and Finance Corporation Ltd v Becher* ([1910] 2 KB 296, 301) and *John Fox v Bannister King and Rigbey* (unreported, CA, December 19, 1986, Supreme Court Library Transcript No 1158).

However, exceptionally, the solicitor might be able to give an explanation for his failure to honour his undertaking which might enable the court to say that there had been no misconduct in the particular case: see *Fox*'s case.

Neither the fact that the undertaking was that a third party should do an act, nor the fact that the solicitor might have a defence to an action at law precluded the court from exercising its supervisory jurisdiction.

The summary jurisdiction involved a discretion as to the relief to be granted. In the case of an undertaking, where there was no evidence that it was impossible to perform, the order would usually be to require the solicitor to do that which he had undertaken to do: *In re a Solicitor* ([1966] 1 WLR 1604).

Where it was inappropriate for the court to make an order requiring the solicitor to perform his undertaking, for example, on the ground of impossibility, the court might exercise its power to order the solicitor to compensate a person who had suffered loss in consequence of his failure to implement his undertaking: see *Fox*'s case.

It followed that the judge was wrong in thinking that he would have no jurisdiction to make any order other than an order that the undertaking be performed. The matter ought to be remitted to the court below for consideration whether to make an order requiring Mr Whiting to pay compensation to Mr Udall.

In deciding whether or not to exercise its discretion the court would have to take into account (a) whether Mr Whiting's action in giving his undertaking and then failing to implement it was conduct of such a nature as to justify the exercise of the discretion; and (b), depending on the answer to (a) whether Mr Udall could show that he had suffered loss in consequence of his not having had the benefit of the second charges.

Lord Justice Kerr gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Neill agreed.

Solicitors: Hancock & Willis; Halls for Readman & Co, Lancing.

Filtering arbitration appeals

Universal Petroleum Co Ltd v Handels und Transport Gesellschaft mbH

Before Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Nourse

[Judgment February 17]

The reason for the abolition by section 1(1) of the Arbitration Act 1979 of appeals and remissions for errors on the face of the award in an arbitration was that that was a necessary part of the new system of filtered appeals from reasoned awards which was introduced by section 1(2), (3), (4) and (5). It was in no way intended to widen the jurisdiction to set aside or remit.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by respondents in an arbitration, Universal Petroleum Co Ltd (in liquidation), from an order of Mr Justice Webster in chambers in the Commercial Court dated May 21, 1986.

The judge ordered that the claimants in the arbitration, Handels und Transport Gesellschaft mbH, should have leave, pursuant to section 1(5) of the 1979 Act, to apply for an order that the arbitrator, Mr Bruce Reynolds, should state further reasons for his award dated February 11, 1986, in an arbitration between the parties.

Mr Alistair Schaff for Universal Petroleum; Mr Derrick Turriff for Handels.

LORD JUSTICE KERR, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeal raised matters of general importance to section 1 of the 1979 Act. It related, in particular, to the scope of the jurisdiction to order an arbitrator to give further reasons for his award under section 1(5) for deciding whether or not leave to appeal should be granted under section 1(2), (3) and (4).

The dispute here was of a fairly routine nature. Handels were buyers and Universal Petroleum the sellers under a contract for the sale of a cargo of oil sold f.o.b. Porto Torres concluded in April 1983. It was made by Telex and provided for arbitration in England.

The parties disagreed as to the terms. The matter was referred to arbitration. The arbitrator dismissed Handels' claim. The judge made the order in question on Handels' application.

In the court's view Handels' application for remission for further reasons by the arbitrator to justify his findings in the award was wrong in principle and should have been rejected out of hand.

Under section 1(2) appeals were only permitted on any question of law arising out of an award. "Question of law" in section 1(4) had that same meaning. The question of law must arise out of the award not out of the arbitration.

The power to order further reasons under section 1(5) was limited to cases where it appeared to the court that the award did not or did not sufficiently set out the reasons. In that event the court might order the arbitrator to state the reasons for his award in sufficient detail to enable the court to consider any question of law arising out of the award.

There was no warrant for any order under that provision unless it was apparent that there were no reasons, or insufficiently detailed reasons, to enable the court to consider a question of law arising out of the award. In the present case there was no material uncertainty or ambiguity which arose out of the award.

Such an allegation could only rest on the extrinsic matters of which the judge was told. But they were inadmissible and irrelevant for the purpose of the exercise of any jurisdiction under section 1 of the 1979 Act.

That was the conclusion the court would reach in the absence of any authority. But in the court's view they were in any event bound by the judgment delivered by Lord Justice Robert Goff in *The Barenbels* ([1985] 1 Lloyds' Rep 528).

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Richard Stokes & Co, Godmanchester, Huntingdon.

No interest can be paid on police aid costs

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Tudor Evans

[Judgment March 12]

The Home Secretary had no power to include in a determination, under section 14(4) of the Police Act 1964, of the contribution to be paid by a police authority, whose force had received assistance from another, to the authority whose force had given it, interest on the cost of providing the assistance for the period from its provision to the date of the determination.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment, dismissing an application by the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority for judicial review of a decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department on June 9, 1986 that he would not include any interest costs in a contribution to be made to the applicant by the Derbyshire Police Authority under section 14 of the 1964 Act in respect of assistance rendered during the 1984-85 miners' strike.

Section 14(4) of the 1964 Act provides: "The police authority maintaining a police force for which assistance is provided . . . shall pay to the police authority maintaining the force from which that assistance is provided such contribution as may be agreed upon between those authorities or, in default of any such agreement, as may be provided by any agreement subsisting at the time between all police authorities generally, or, in default of such general agreement, as may be determined by the secretary of state."

Mr Robert Carnwath, QC and Mr Richard Drabble for the applicant authority; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that what the applicant was claiming was in truth compound interest on the expenditure and financial costs incurred in rendering the assistance. Section 14(4) did not contemplate the payment of such compound interest: it was not indicated by its language nor could it be implied.

Some assistance was to be derived from the position of statutory arbitrators: see *Swift & Co v Board of Trade* ([1925 AC 520) and, in particular, *Newport Borough Council v Monmouthshire County Council* ([1947] AC 520). Those authorities showed that there was no implied authority to award interest; specific statutory provision would therefore be required to enable a "determination" to include interest.

Mr Justice Tudor Evans agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr J. E. Coyne, Exeter; Treasury Solicitor.

Adjournment was erroneous

Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Garnier

Where, on a defence submission of no case to answer at the close of the prosecution case, the judge on his own motion had adjourned the case to allow the prosecution to obtain further evidence on the basis that justice required that the prosecution should be allowed to prove important matters that had been left unproved, the judge had exercised his discretion wrongly.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Simon Brown) so held on March 11 when it allowed the application of Mr D. Garnier for orders of prohibition and *mandamus* against the decision of Judge Argyle, QC, sitting with two justices, on June 18, 1986, on the applicant's appeal against conviction by the Mansion House Justices on January 8, 1986, of an offence of parking his motor cycle on an urban road, contrary to section 15 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1974.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that it might well be the case that a court would allow the calling of additional evidence where it was a mere formality or where a matter had arisen *ex improviso*: see *R v Pilcher* ((1974) 60 Cr App R 1); *Royal v Prescott-Clarke* ([1966] 1 WLR 788), but that was not the situation in the present case.

On the material before the court, the judge should have acceded to the defence submission on the basis that the prosecution had not made out the offence alleged against the applicant.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN, agreeing, said that where the particular matter lay at the heart of the case, and the prosecution had been forewarned of it, *inter alia*, by the proceedings before the justices, the crown court should not have allowed the prosecution to call further evidence. The interests of finality demanded that the matter should be disposed of without adjournment.

Appeal reports alert

Stokes v Sayers

Those concerned with bringing before the Queen's Bench Divisional Court cases stated on the breathalyser provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (sections 6 to 10, as substituted by section 25 of and Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981) should be alert to see whether appeals had been rendered unnecessary in the light of further decisions of the court.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Schiemann) on February 20, so stated in dismissing a prosecutor's appeal by case stated from justices.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the law was still developing. By the time cases stated reached the Divisional Court, there was often some previous decision of the court which had not been available to the justices (as in the present case).

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HORIZONS

A guide to career choice

A poor player and O levels

As examination time comes round, groans of dismay could change to cries of pleasure if the Eng Lit course followed an imaginative experiment and took to the boards, says Godfrey Golzen

Self employment isn't necessarily only about making money. It can also be a way to achieve job satisfaction by doing something you passionately believe in. Nobody exemplifies that better than Tim Seward, an English teacher who now spends much of the year as an actor-manager. He has formed a company, *Cambridge Syndicate Players*, which is bringing an entirely new approach to teaching set texts in schools.

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Participation in the text is the key to Seward's approach. Even the crowd are involved, and in the teachers' notes that he supplies beforehand, he invites discussion on the issues raised by the play. For instance the watchmen in *Romeo and Juliet* are asked to think about how often they are likely to be called out. That leads to the question of whether Verona might have been a rather boring place to live in — the kind of town where casual violence could easily erupt.

Bookings from all over the South

Studying the plays from the participants' different points of view brings out all kinds of other material. "You can even get business letters out of the power politics that emerge in Shakespeare," Seward maintains. He is concerned with establishing the value of literature at a point where he feels its place in the curriculum is being threatened by more "relevant" subjects.

The fact that other English teachers are in sympathy with his views is shown by the fact that a recent mailing to secondary schools taking the Cambridge syllabus brought bookings from all over the southern half of England and as far north as Wakefield.

So why does he still have to spend two days a week supply teaching? Cambridge Syllabus Players charge a minimum of £350 a day; £2.50 for each pupil actually taking part and £1.50 per spectator. But that only brings in enough money to keep the company on the road for about eight weeks in the year — and Tim and his professional actors all earn less from it than the Equity minimum of £135 per week.

ALAS POOR YORICK—
HE'S NOW GOING TO TEACH ME HOW TO PASS MY O LEVELS...
Smith

The trouble is that costs are high, even though everything is done on a shoestring — for instance, the costumes which they bring with them are Army surplus fatigues. "They have the advantage of looking timeless and the sizes are pretty tolerant, too," says Seward.

He and his company stay in cheaper bed and breakfast accommodation and they hire a van when they need it, rather than owning one. Their standard £400 set can be fitted in beside the seven players. But underpinning the eight weeks when the company is earning is a very considerable load of administration, promotion and preparing the back-up teaching materials which go out to schools once the booking is confirmed. On top of that there are their own rehearsals.

In the straightforward commercial world the remedy would be to charge more, once you have established, as Tim has done, that you are offering a unique service for which there is a clear demand. But at present levels of government spending on education, he feels that this course is not open to him. The answer may lie in getting sponsorship and he went to Saatchi & Saatchi for advice on how to set about this.

"We're registered as a charity, and though I've not so far seen much practical advantage in that, it does proclaim we're a worthy cause," he says. He found out that Saatchis have a department that offers either advice or money to charities, and he went for the former. It took the form of showing him how to prepare an appeal for sponsorship and that has brought some promising discussions with a number of big firms.

If that comes off and bookings continue at their present level, it looks as though Cambridge Syllabus Players might be able to offer its professional actors enough work to give them all a living wage. But then they face a problem which hits all growing small businesses — the VAT threshold of a turnover of over £20,500 a year. In their case that is a particular dilemma because they are supplying schools which are exempt, and therefore cannot reclaim input tax. That means they will either have to charge 15 per cent or accept a 15 per cent cut in their own margins. "We're going to talk to one of the Enterprise Agencies and see if they can come up with an answer," Seward says.

Sue Churchill is another former full-time teacher whose commitment is enshrined in the name of the bookshop she has opened near Newton Abbot: *Reading Matters*. "After nine years, I felt the profession was changing — and I needed a career change," she says, though she prepared her move carefully. While still teaching she spent a great deal of time looking for a suitable site — a place she wanted to live in as well as work from. Eventually the estate agents came up with a listed building, a former shoe shop which had the advantage of being near schools, a growing housing area and a health centre, all of which would act as a magnet for passing trade.

Publishers gave them credit

The site was also quite a long way from competing bookshops.

While all this was going on she attended an MSC course on bookselling but she feels the most valuable part of her preparation was the questionnaire she sent out to prospective customers.

She thinks she got her opening moves about right. Though funding was difficult, she found publishers were helpful about extending credit — and even about taking back books on which she have overstocked. After only a few months, she is breaking even on her trading, though her own drawings are very modest and she is supplementing them by giving evening classes — as well as putting in long hours in her shop. Her only help there is a part-time assistant who works fewer than eight hours a week, so that Sue doesn't have the bother of PAYE and NI paperwork. "The job satisfaction more than makes up for the fact that I'm earning less than I was as a teacher."

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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Quote reference 52/87/T1.

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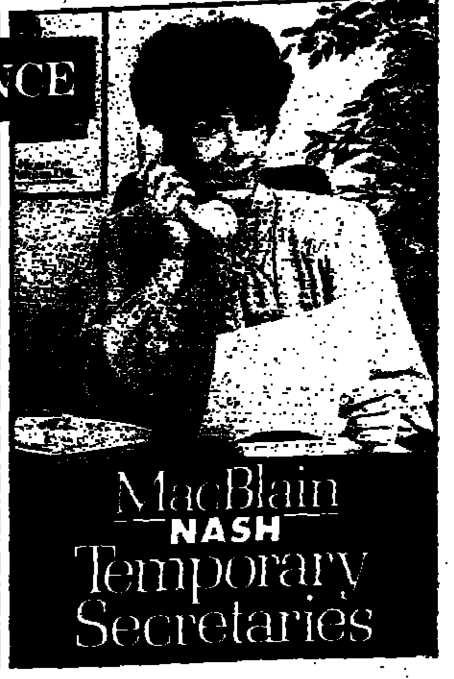

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LESLIE JOHN GOODWIN
(Defendant)

TAKE NOTE that on the 6th March, 1987 in the High Court of Justice it was ordered that monies (including accrued interest) after provision for costs as set out below held by the Plaintiffs solicitors on account of the Defendant and/or his wife to be paid by them to the Plaintiff in part satisfaction of such further claims by the Plaintiff in respect of any such debts as may still be owed by the Defendant and/ or his wife to the Plaintiffs, to be credited by the Plaintiff against such claims and debts on the Plaintiff providing a written indemnity to her solicitors against any claims by the Defendant and/or his wife in respect of the monies so paid to the Plaintiff and any loss or expense incurred by the Plaintiff's solicitors in respect thereof: such payment to be made not before ten days after advertisment (one insertion) of this Order in a newspaper of National circulation to be prescribed by the Plaintiffs solicitors.

The costs of and occasioned by this Application and all expenses incurred by the Plaintiffs Solicitors including the cost of the advertisment, to be paid to the Plaintiffs solicitors out of the monies held by them before payment to the Plaintiff; an account of such costs of expense to be provided to the Plaintiff and in the event of any dispute by her, such costs and expenses to be taxed on the indemnity basis if not agreed. (The Plaintiffs solicitors to draw their costs from adjourned hearing on 2nd December, 1986 out of the fund for the defendants wife to be taxed if not agreed.)

DATED the 6th day of March 1987.

MILLER BUCKLEY
PROJECTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 25 March 1987 at 10.00am for the purpose mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10am and 5pm on 23 March 1987 and 24 March 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Shelley House (Ref SH408A), 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 8DQ no later than 12 noon on 24 March 1987. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

DATED this 4th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.A. VICKERS
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT
OF JUSTICE
No. 008972 of 1986
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
F & H GROUP PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 16th February 1987 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 4th March 1987.

Evershed & Tomkinson
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham B3 3LX
Tel: 021 233 2001
Fax: 021 236 1583
Ref: MNM/7/JEB
Solicitors for the above-named Company

MILLER BUCKLEY
INVESTMENTS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 25 March 1987 at 10.30am for the purpose mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10am and 5pm on 23 March 1987 and 24 March 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Shelley House (Ref SH408A), 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 8DQ no later than 12 noon on 24 March 1987. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

DATED this 2nd day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P.G. AYTON
DIRECTOR

MILLER BUCKLEY CIVIL
ENGINEERING LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 25 March 1987 at 3.00pm for the purpose mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10am and 5pm on 23 March 1987 and 24 March 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Shelley House (Ref SH408A), 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 8DQ no later than 12 noon on 24 March 1987. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

DATED this 2nd day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K.J. WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR

BELIEFVALE LIMITED
T/A FIZZ

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF on Thursday the 26th day of March 1987 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 98 et seq.

Keith David Goodman, FCA Licenced Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 26th March 1987.

DATED the 9th day of March 1987
G. SKONE
DIRECTOR

WESTBURY RADIO LIMITED
Company number 702076.
Nature of business Retailers of Electrical Equipment.
Registered office Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London, WC2B 5ST.
Liquidators name and address Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Latham Crossley & Davis, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane, London WC2B 5ST.
Date of appointment 23rd February 1987.
By whom appointed Members and Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
QUICKSHIFT CRADLE
HIRE LIMITED
Registered Office, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1 on 31 March 1987 at 12.00 noon for the purpose mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Jamie Taylor of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act.

DATED this 4 day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
W. TATTERSFIELD
DIRECTOR

MILLER BUCKLEY GOLF
SERVICES LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a *Meeting of the Creditors of the* above-named company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 25 March 1987 at 2.00pm for the purpose mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10am and 5pm on 23 March 1987 and 24 March 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Shelley House (Ref SH408A), 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 8DQ no later than 12 noon on 24 March 1987. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

DATED this 26th day of February 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
P. WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF
REGAL TRANSPORT LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 4th day of April 1987, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Michael Jeffrey Isaacs FCA of 3rd Floor, Peter House, Oxford Street, Manchester M1 5AB the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 4th day of March 1987
MICHAEL J ISAACS FCA
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF
NEW SOUTH WALES
PROBATE DIVISION

After fourteen (14) days from publication of this notice an application for Probate of the will dated 12th April, 1985 of MARY CRANE late of 40 Freelander Avenue, Katoomba, Spinster will be made by CHARLES EDWARD AUSTIN-WOODS and JANICE MAREE SHARP in the will called Janice Maree Sharpe, Executor and Executrix respectively named in the said Will. Creditors are required to send particulars of their claim upon her Estate to FERNS AUBREY GROGAN & AUSTIN-WOODS, Solicitors, 118 Katoomba Street, Katoomba, New South Wales, Australia.

MILLER BUCKLEY
PLANT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, *pursuant to section 98 of the* Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named company will be held at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on 25 March 1987 at 11.30am for the purpose mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ between 10am and 5pm on 23 March 1987 and 24 March 1987.

Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proofs of debt and (unless they are attending in person) proxies at Shelley House (Ref SH408A), 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 8DQ no later than 12 noon on 24 March 1987. Unless they surrender their security, secured creditors must give particulars of their security and its value if they wish to vote at the meeting.

DATED this 4th day of March 1987
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
J.A. VICKERS
DIRECTOR

A. MARLOW LIMITED
(IN RECEIVERSHIP)
Registered Number: 279367

NOTICE is hereby given that on 4 March 1987, Raymond Ellis Bain and Bryan Alan Jackson of Pannell Kerr Forster, Chartered Accountants, 40 Wellington Street, Glasgow G2 6RL were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above Company by the Clydesdale Bank plc under the powers conferred in a Debenture dated 23 October 1970 containing fixed and floating charges over the whole assets of the Company.

BRYAN A JACKSON
JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE
RECEIVER

COMPANY NOTICES

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY
COMPANY
Notice to Security Holders

The Annual General Meeting of the Security Holders of Quebec Central Railway Company will be held in The Conference Room, Room 158, Windsor Station, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1987, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon for presentation of the financial statements; the election of two directors to represent the Security Holders of the Company until the next Annual General Meeting of the Company; the appointment of the auditor of the Company; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R.L. PARTRIDGE
SECRETARY
MONTREAL, Quebec, February 20, 1987

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Walter
Gales Charity,
Guildford, Surrey
Scheme for the Division of the Assets
Ref: 180953-L5

The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales propose to make an Order establishing a Scheme for this and other purposes. Any objection to the proposed Scheme or suggestions for modifying it should be sent in writing within one month from the date of this notice to the Secretary, Charity Commission, St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting the reference above.

Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commissioners (quoting the reference above) and may also be seen at their office or at the following address:-
6 Crane Lane, Boxgrove Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2LZ.
Dated the tenth day of March 1987.

PROFESSIONAL PA

A Top Executive based at an exclusive West End Casino needs the professional touch of a PA/Sec (SH/Audio/WP) A 21 hr week would secure a salary of £6,300 with good benefits and hours to suit.

Please contact Kate on 01-630 9235

Quatro Rec Cons

PR COMPANY - Design and Advertising. This large, well established, young fun company urgently seeks a Secretary with some audio and WP experience to assist two Directors and an Account Executive. You should be self motivated and energetic in order to keep up with this fast moving and exciting environment. Age 20 +. Salary £8,500 with five weeks holidays and many other perks. Bernadette of Bond Street (Rec Cons) 01 629 1204

COSMETICS GROUP W1 Super chance for a young Secretary (19-22) with one years experience to get involved in an interesting and rewarding post. A very varied work load as part of a small team in a friendly and energetic department with "never a dull moment". Good skills essential (100/60) and salary is neg £a.e. Call Paul or Caroline on 01 637 9601 or 01 636 9891 at H T A. Recruitment Consultants.

MIDDX: FRENCH-speaking Director's Secretary with experience at senior level, for Chief Executive of internationally known company. You will need extremely fluent English and French for correspondence, translations both ways and the telephone, numeracy as some figure work is involved, plus energy and poise. Good salary and conditions. Multilingual Services (recruitment consultants) 01 836 3794/5.

PA/SEC £10,000 no shorthand Lots of involvement, some travel working in the City for a very friendly company. Good typing skills, some audio and WP. Age 28/30. Call Margaret 01 405 6045 KINGSLAND PERS CONS.

COLLEGE LEAVER £8,000 - exciting opening for young College Leaver within Mayfair based Charity. As well as organising fund raising events such as gala nights, receptions, arts & antiques fairs, you will organise lunches and visits to country houses, where excellent communication skills are essential. Accurate typing a must. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

RESEARCHER for established Exec Search Co based in W1, specialising in financial sector appts. The right applicant will have some relevant exp, and a good tel manner. Lots of client involvement. Salary £15,000+. age range 23+. For further details please contact Frances Witt on 01 581 2977/2947 at Jane Crosthwaite Recruitment Consultants Ltd. 21 Beauchamp Plce London SW3

SECRETARY/PA Lloyd's Underwriting Agency, located in the new Lloyd's Building, requires lady (28-35) with secretarial experience. The job will call for ability to use Word Processing System and will involve a considerable amount of administrative work. Applicants should write, with C.V. to Mr P.B. Coffey, Room 881, Lloyd's, One Lime Street, London EC3M 7HL.

ST.ALBANS c£8,500. If you would enjoy working locally then join this computer company as senior administrative assistant/secretary. Use your flair for organising and administration to the full. Duties will include supervising staff, ensuring high standards of performance and appearance. Please telephone 01-240 3531 ELIZABETH HUNT RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS.

UPTOWN TEMPO £8,000 - exciting opportunity for lively, young person to enter the fascinating world of music. Based in the fabulous offices of this well established Record Company you will become totally involved in all aspects of the business so flexibility is a must. Good skills (80/50) and some work experience essential. Age: 20-24. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

ADVERTISING to £8,500 - an established force in the advertising world, this young "family orientated" Company require two "switched-on" young people. Each working with 4 dynamic Managers, your presentation must be excellent and your skills sound (80/50). Some work experience essential. Age: 19+. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

BARBICAN £7,500 - professional smart receptionist sought by dynamic young PR Company. A busy, often hectic environment, you should be charming and unflappable with an excellent manner. A key position, you will greeting clients, VIP's etc. Typing is useful although not essential for the right person. Age: 18+. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

BARNES - £9,500 Sec/PA to work for successful Property Developer from his beautiful home. Good SH/Typ essential, numeracy, confidentiality and good telephone manner. For further details please contact Lucy Maitland on 01 581 2977/2947 at Jane Crosthwaite Recruitment Consultants Ltd. 21 Beauchamp Place, London SW3.

BANKING RECEPTION £9,000+. Join this dynamic American Bank as they move into their brand new building. With responsibility for a whole floor, meet/greet visitors and carry out a varied role. Hodge Recruitment 629 8863

RESEARCH ASSISTANT to £8,000. Marketing unit of top City co offer excellent opportunity for a bright professional assistant with WP skills. 'A' level education and an interest in Business. Age 21++. Hodge Recruitment 629 8863

SEC for famous Creative Director/Chairman of top Advertising Agency in Covent Garden. 80+ typing. S/H useful. lots of liaison with clients etc. To £11,000. Call Annie now. Flair Recruitment 938 2222

USE YOUR FRENCH for typing and telephone work in this Knightsbridge Int. Co. working with group of jolly Geophysicists. Early 20's. c.£9,000 + excellent benefits. JOYCE GUINESS 01 589 8807 (Rec Cons)

1 YEAR temporary vacancy to provide London-based secretarial back-up and home agent's work for the Society's large expedition to Brazil. £6,000 pa. Apply with CV to Royal Geographical Society, 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR.

EVENING WANG OIS Operator (exp essen) for this audio position - hours arranged to suit you with this large firm of City Solicitors. Salary to £11,000. Phone Alison 01-377 2666 WordPlus - The WP Specialists.

GERMAN Bi-lingual secs for Watford area, Richmond, C. London. High calibre posts for PA secs with exc skills & previous exp (from £9,000-£11,000+) Cavell Rec Cons 631 3664

MAYFAIR PROPERTY £8,500. Three young secretaries urgently needed by three young direcs. Being busy and having fun is the formula of this exciting property co. Audio/WP skills. Hodge Recruitment 629 8863

SECRETARY/ Bookkeeper required for Knightsbridge Antique Dealers. Personable person for amiable surroundings. £9,000pa. Apply John Keil Ltd, 154 Brompton Rd, London SW3. Tel 01 589 5454

SOPHISTICATED Spanish speaking SH sec for upmarket drinks co SW1. Excellent skills and WP experience. Lots of overseas liaison and admin duties. Salary to £12,000. Tel Bilinguasec 01 493 6446.

ADAPTABLE SECRETARY/PA. 25+. to busy Manager of small residential property company, W1. Some audio and bookkeeping. £7-8,000. Telephone Miss Lees 262 5662.

CITY Stockbrokers require 1st class audio/shorthand secretary for private client department. Excellent salary plus benefits. Reply to BOX K66

COMMITTEE ORGANISER for WC1 trade assoc. Liaise with Chairman as minutes sec to various internal groups. £10,000. Woodhouse Rec Cons 404 4646.

CONSULTANTS, W1 c£8,000 - a junior sec with acc typing required for young team. Strong personality and flexible attitude. Call LSL Rec Cons 499-0758.

FRENCH BI-LING sec for Marketing Director. Apply to become fully involved in promotions together with gd sec skills & full use of French. £9,500+. Link Language Appts 846-9743.

RECPTIONIST/ SECRETARY

Bright, well-educated receptionist/all-rounder wanted for rapidly expanding video production company. Must be well presented and outgoing with a good telephone manner and fast accurate typing to work with a friendly but hectic team.

Please contact Kate Phelps-Brown on 01-743 0019 or send CV to 111 Frithville Gardens, Shepherds Bush, W12 7JQ

ORGANISATION CO seeks bubbly person for this unusual position. Turn a hand to anything! 60 wpm typing c£8,500 Jaygar Careers (Sloane Sq) Ltd 01 730 5148.

£12,000 to work as PA to 'high flier' Director in very successful West End Co. Must be in 20's with good track record and ex sh and typing. Winifred Johnson (Rec Con) 01-493 3006.

EASTER College Leaver Secs - creative openings with creative clients through COVENT GARDEN BUREAU 110 Fleet St. EC4 353 7696

PSYCHOLOGY DEPT of Central London college seek shorthand secretary 80/50wpm c£8,000 + 6wks hols Call 434 9221 Tina Mein & Ptnrs (Agy)

PUBLISHERS. Rare opportunity for well educated 2nd jobber shorthand secretary. c£7,000. Call 434 9221 Tina Mein & Ptnrs (Agy).

ADMIN/AUDIO 65WPM. Help establish suitability of TV/radio commercials. Lots of phone contact. WP/VDU an asset. c£8,000. Call 434 9221 Tina Mein & Ptnrs (Agy).

FASHION, JEWELLERY, PROPERTY, CHELSEA. Exciting position at director level. Total involvement and variety. Good skills £10,500 Jaygar Careers (Sloane Sq) Ltd. 01-730 5148.

DYNAMIC DESIGNS £8,500 - super position with lively young Design Consultancy, based in fabulous offices, working in a buzzy friendly environment you must be outgoing, flexible and have real ambition to progress as promotion prospects are excellent. Good shorthand and typing required. Age: 19+. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

ESTATE AGENT, SW3 - small Chelsea office requires sec for residential flat department. SH/Typ, good telephone manner, a chance to get involved. Age range 18-23. Salary £8,500. For further details please contact Lucy Maitland on 01 581 2977/2947 at Jane Crosthwaite Recruitment Consultants Ltd. 21 Beauchamp Place London SW3.

JUNIOR SEC £7,500 - required for Consumer Division of Kensington Cosmetics Company. Lots of variety dealing with enquiries from customers and clients, arranging meetings, booking hotels, keeping diaries and running the office in the Manager's absence. Excellent perks and benefits. Skills 80/45 Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

MEDIA to £9,000 - join the fast moving world of advertising with one of Londons top Ad Agencies. Based in fabulous offices and working as part of a team, involvement and variety are the key elements here. Liaising directly with clients, you must be professional, flexible and ambitious. Good skills essential. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

TOP PA/Sec required for MD of Residential Property Development Co based in Knightsbridge. Good SH/Typ essential. Age range 25+. Salary £11,000+. For further details please contact Lucy Maitland on 01 581 2977/2947 at Jane Crosthwaite Recruitment Consultants Ltd. 21 Beauchamp Place. London SW3

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGE for 2nd jobber, early 20's, with WP experience working for large re-insurance company in EC3. Varied position, available immediately. Salary £7,500 + mortgage + other benefits. Call 01-377 8600 (City) or 01-439 7001 (West End) SECRETARIES PLUS - The Secretarial Consultants.

DESIGN CO. Nr London Bridge seeks team-spirited 20's organised and pink proof. A little shorthand, good typing and knowledge WP. Great opportunity to be part of Arts/Creative background where there are frills, spills and traumas and a lot of fun. To £10,000 + perks. JOYCE GUINESS 01 589 8807 (Rec Cons)

JUNIOR SEC. 18-20'ish could be College Leaver. Good all-rounder will be welcomed by Mayfair PR Co. Will benefit from lots of training and participation in sponsorships of TV and Video programming involving contact with interesting clients. c.£7,000 + fringe benefits. JOYCE GUINESS 01 589 8807 (Rec Cons)

£7,500 neg - Export Administration Assistant, not afraid of figures or computers, required for large Pharmaceutical Company in EC1. 2nd jobber, 20-23 years, well spoken and with good telephone manner. Call 01-377 8600 (City) or 01-439 7001 (West End) SECRETARIES PLUS - The Secretarial Consultants.

ADVERTISING! Client handling! and other wild excitements! Salaries up to £11,000. Minimum shorthand 80? Competent typist? Please phone me Octavia at BJ Crawfords (Rec Cons) on 935 9692 (The immensley different agency!)

GERMAN/ENGLISH secretary with SH in both languages. For Enfield based travel co. Olivetti WP. Lots of overseas telephone liaison. Salary to £8,500. Tel Bilinguasec 01 493 6446.

SEC CITY BANK. Return to work for a real charmer in his 40's. 100/50, age 24-40, non-smoker, top salary + 3% mortgage + top perks. Flair Recruitment 938 2222

SECRETARY required to work in lively office in W1. Varied work guaranteed. Good opportunity for advancement. Salary neg. Approx £7,500. Phone Elizabeth on 409-1785

SEC (SOME GERMAN) for City Bank Personnel Dept. 80/50. Buy your own property with 3% mortgage! £11,000 + top bonus + perks. Flair Recruitment 938 2222

SHORTHAND SECRETARY/PA with WP experience preferably IMS display/writer. Cover booking for maternity leave in EC1. Start as soon as possible. Mrs Stewart 01 251 1616 ext 235

SPARKLING ASSISTANTS (18-23) required for enjoyable work with young, bright team on varied and interesting large property projects. Call Jenny, Burford Group Plc. 586 9632

COMMUNICATIONS CO To £13,000. General Manager requires confident Senior Sec/PA with S/H. City. Alexus Personnel 439 2777.

FRENCH Bi-lingual secs for posts in Admin, Personnel, Marketing. Min 3 years exp and good skills. (from £8,500-£11,000) Cavell Rec Cons 01 631 3664

FRENCH OR GERMAN spkg sec for Multi-national import export Co. Very interesting fast moving dept. c£9,500. 846-9743 Link Language Appts.

INT CO. Sales sec for 3 young chaps. Heaps of involvement and scope. 100/50 wpm + exc perks. Call LSL Rec Cons on 499-0758.

SHORTHAND SEC/PA £12,000 for publishers. 120wpm SH is required for this demanding position. Tel 01 248 5666 Centre Girl Emp Agy.

WEST END GALLERY requires qualified secretary. Salary £9,000. Call Leslie Dixon between 10am & 4pm on 493 5464.

ADMIN SEC c£11,250 No SH no audio. 'A' levels an advantage. Tel 01 248 5666 Centre Girl Emp Agy.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AGENCY W1, want bright receptionist/typist to organise 6 consultants. Call Linda 439 0809.

RECEPTIONIST required for small energetic company of Estate Agents in Kensington. Please telephone 589 9899.

SECRETARIES for Architects & Designers. Permanent & Temporary positions. AMSA specialist rec cons 01 734 0532

THE Alexander Institute, 16 Balderton St, W1. Secretary/Administrator required. Tel 01 960 2418

DANISH/ENGLISH PA. English SH. £12,000. Language Staff Agy 486-8922.

GERMAN/FRENCH/ENGLISH. Sales/admin. £14,000. Language Staff Agy 486-8922.

PORTUGUESE/ENGLISH Post-Grad PA. English SH. £12,000. Language Staff Agy 486-8922.

Experienced Secretary/ Shorthand Typist

With good speeds for W1 entertainment agency handling major stars. Top salary for right applicant with cheerful disposition. Career minded.

Telephone 629 4817

SENIOR RECEPTIONIST, W1. Age 26-34 with superb voice, presentation and presence and able to manage and motivate staff. Not desk bound, with admin and variety & where you will be excellently rewarded for your intelligence and commonsense. Call 408-1631. Middleton Jeffers Recruitment Ltd.

ITALIAN BILINGUAL Project Sec for W1 Design Co. Initiative flair and flexible approach essential as is WP exp. To £12,000 aae Merrow Emp Agy (The Language Specialists) 01 636 1487.

SENIOR FRENCH SEC to Deputy GM of Int bank. SH in both langs, fluent French and excl presentation essential. £10,000 + banking benefits. Merrow Emp Agy (The Language Specialists) 01 636 1487.

£9,000 - Opportunity for young shorthand secretary (20-23), with good audio, to earn excellent bonus, working on busy trading floor of Commodity Firm in EC2. Call 01-377 8600 (City) or 01-439 7001 (West End) SECRETARIES PLUS - The Secretarial Consultants.

PERSONNEL Secretary A young, easy-going and personable shorthand sec with one years exp sought by Personnel Manager of large International Hi-tec Co. EC2. Interviewing and recruiting duties in addition to the sec role. £8,600 + good perks. (01) 839 3365 (Rec Cons)

WE MAY BE SMALL but we have some of the country's top companies as clients because we care about our Applicants, our Clients and our reputation. Please phone for current vacancies Alexis Personnel, Triumph House, 189 Regent Street, London W1. 439 2777

PROFESSIONAL PA £10,000 + excellent benefits - sought by Senior Vice President of Hammersmith Film Distributors. A challenging role for a true professional PA with initiative and excellent communication skills. Good shorthand and typing (100/60) essential. Age: 22+. Please telephone 01-409 1232 The Work Shop.

DIRECTORS sec c£12,000 W1. Full secretarial role at board-room level in this prestigious Co. You will work closely on one-to-one basis with this down- to- earth, methodical Director using shorthand. Mature outlook plus good presentation essential. Age 25+. Call Mary Graves (Rec Cons) 01 637 5277

EXECUTIVE Assistant/secretary (over 25) to take over from me. Small 3 person Head Office Suite, Mayfair, close Bond St. Tube. No shorthand and usually low pressure but experienced WP (Wordstar) telex etc. Self energising and bright. £11,000 Tel. Sue Walkerdine 493-2608 No agencies

KNOWLEDGE of Italian? Unbelievably trendy offices - Design Co Holland Park needs very special sec for this wonderful working atmosphere. Good typing, SH pref (english) knowledge of spoken Italian. Sal c.£8,500. Please phone Octavia at BJ Crawfords (Rec Cons) on 935 9692

£8,000 neg - Architects require smart audio shorthand secretary, in early 20's, to work in Covent Garden offices. Previous experience with architects preferred, but not essential. Call 01-377 8600 (City) or 01-439 7001 (West End) SECRETARIES PLUS - The Secretarial Consultants.

NO SHORTHAND just a happy typist 23'ish who will be a first-class secretary to this Shipping Manager of a very lush Mayfair Oil co. Probably strong 2nd jobber with WP experience. Self motivated and enthusiastic. c.£10,000 + super fringe benefits. JOYCE GUINESS 01 589 8807 (Rec Cons)

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Do-it-yourself takeovers

The romantic notion of the management buyout is of a group of enthusiastic managers who team up to buy the subsidiary of a large company which has been badly handled by the main board, or no longer fits in. Because of the teams' greater commitment they save the company and the jobs of its workers, and everybody lives happily ever after.

That is not always the way it works, as the sad saga of Vosper Shiprepairers shows. Vosper was taken over by its management from British Shipbuilders two years ago.

In February, faced with ebts of £4.5 million, Vospers ad to call in accountants to dminster the company under he 1986 Insolvency Act. The *hances of it remaining in* usiness are slim.

That harsh reminder that nanagement buyouts can fail ust like any other enterprise is nlikely to slow the rush down his particular road to entrereneurship.

Last year, the number of IBOs reached record levels, vith more than £1 billion eing advanced to fund round 250 deals. What was nce a quirky way to indepenence is now an industry.

Institutional investors have lunged into the market, some nore readily than others, onsortia have been formed to ack the buyouts, and a whole ortfolio of arrangments is vailable to meet the often ntricate funding arrangeents that they require.

There is even an academic atchtower set up to monitor ie industry, the Centre for Ianagement Buy-Out Reearch, at Nottingham Univrsity, sponsored by Barclays evelopment Capital and the ccountants Spicer & Pegler.

The benchmark date for the eginning of the MBO trend in ritain is generally taken to be 965, when KKR pioneered ie movement. Twenty years ter the total amount of funds it up for management iyouts hit £1 billion for the first time, and the first £100 million deal had been done.

The real acceleration started in 1979, *and according to* some, two of the key reasons for the growth then can be attributed to the Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher. Her renaissance of the entrepreneur coincided with the big industrial shake-out which left many managers with the choice of trying to buy the company that might have *been closed under them*, or going on the dole.

The increasingly popular corporate strategy among big companies of returning to core activities, and hiving off the parts that don't fit, has offered more opportunities for managers to run their own show.

Sir Peter Thompson, head of National Freight Carriers, celebrates the fifth birthday of the company's buyout

The size of the deals, as well as the number, has been increasing steadily. According to the CMBR, only seven deals done in 1984 were worth more than £10 million. By 1985 that had risen to 20, and last year there were 35.

Some have been hefty indeed, with the record so far going to the sale by BAT Industries of its Lawson Mardon offshoot in 1985, a deal which required total funding of £280 million.

Obviously, few salaried managers can afford to put up that sort of cash, so the "leveraged" buyout has been imported from America to become part of the British financial scene.

Finance is arranged by borrowing against the assets and earnings of their company, often through extremely complex packages, structured to obtain the maximum possible tax benefits. All the managers *have to do then is to* make the company perform well enough to pay the interest charges, and eventually repay the capital.

Some don't make it. According to CMBR, around one in 10 MBOs end up in the bankruptcy court, which is a favourable record compared to the one-in-three failure rate *among straight start-up situations*.

The ambition of many managers, and most of their financial sponsors, is for the companies to replace debt with equity by floating off on the stock market. Around 100 have done so, either through a full listing on the Stock Exchange, or on the Unlisted Securities Market or over-the-counter market.

These have included companies of the size of VSEL, the former Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering company, which was privatized through a sale to its employees early last year, and was successfully floated off in July and now commands a stock market capitalization of £105 million.

Mecca Leisure, sold to its management by Grand Metropolitan in 1985, was floated as a fully listed company last year and is now worth £143 million.

It can even work in reverse. Gomme Holdings, the G-Plan furniture group ceased to be a public company last year following a takeover by its management.

The introduction of the third tier into the London Stock Exchange earlier this year offering yet another avenue for realizing investments in MBOs, could also prompt more activity.

What worries the CMBR director, Dr Mike Wright, is that there could be too much money chasing too few deals, and driving up the prices charged by vendors. One of his sponsors, Spicer & Pegler, has estimated that there will be around £5 billion available for MBOs this year.

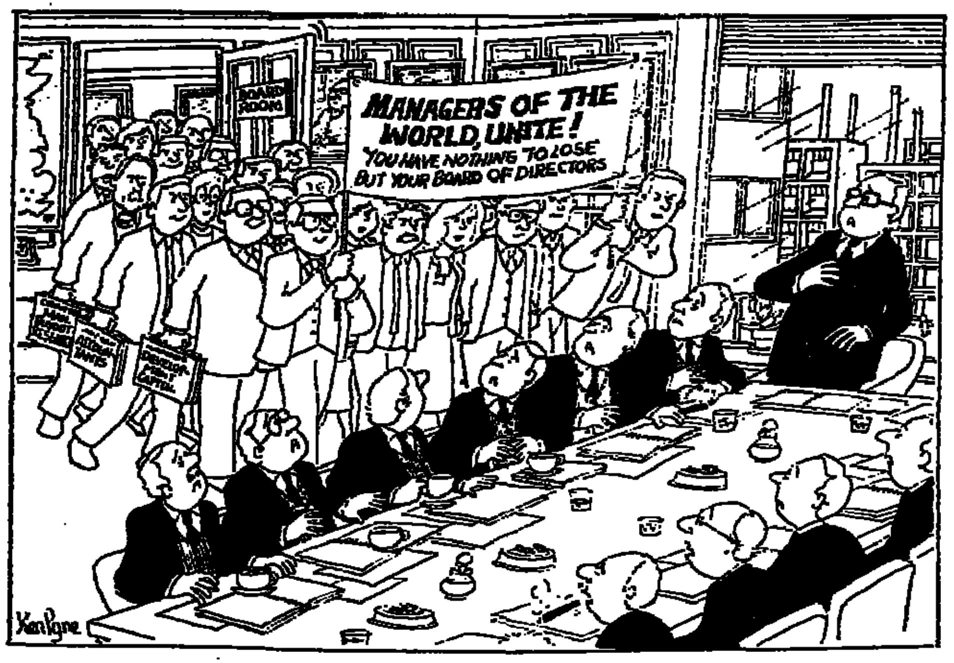
Whether there are enough suitable propositions to take up a fraction of this amount can be questioned. Finding the right combination of working assets and talented management is never easy.

Dr Wright does not agree with the view held in some parlours that the market is now ready to take a breather, but points out that the apparently changed attitude to takeover bids could reduce expectations of vendors who may no longer be able to find competitive offers to a suggested *MBO*.

Even if there is a slackening of activity in the UK, the expertise gained can now be exported. Enthusiasm for MBOs is beginning to spread to Europe.

According to Dr Wright, there has been growing activity in Holland and France and signs of movement in Germany. While the local institutions have been largely responsible for arranging the finance, UK money men are looking hard at Europe.

Ray Heath



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1977	13	56	n/a	n/a	n/a
1978	23	79	n/a	n/a	n/a
1979	52	131	26	26	0.50
1980	107	233	50	76	0.47
1981	124	362	114	190	0.92
1982	170	532	265	455	1.56
1983	205	737	315	770	1.54
1984	210	947	415	1185	1.98
1985	229	1176	1150	2335	5.02
1986*	248	1424	1438	3773	5.80

* Delays in receiving information may lead to underestimation

Source: Centre for Management Buyout Research, University of Nottingham

Right: Bernard Holmes, the MD who bought out a Sears subsidiary for £4 million after giving the group an ultimatum

The 11-plus failure who makes millions

Back in 1981 when Bernard Holmes, then aged 38, was headhunting to do a turnaround job at Silcock and Colling, the car-transporter subsidiary of Sears, he suspected that one day there might well be an opportunity for a management buyout.

The business was profitable but it had been losing market shares, and there were signs it was heading for losses. As managing director, he devised a business plan based on the idea of creating a European car transport company which would reflect the European nature of the car industry.

A detailed strategy was worked out. The French subsidiary was to be extended to *serve the whole country and* Spain was chosen for further significant expansion in anticipation of its joining the Common Market.

The only problem with the plan was that it called for an investment of about £4 million at a time when profits were running at about £1 million. Sears was not convinced and said it was not prepared to put up the money.

Mr Holmes says: "I think they felt uncomfortable with further investment in France, and certainly in Spain which had recently changed its political complexion and was not certain to join the EEC."

There was a clear choice for Mr Holmes. "I said, then either I have to leave the group or you have to sell it to me." Within a week Sears had said yes to a buyout.

That was 1983, before buyouts had become standard text book stuff. Mr Holmes, without any contacts in the banking world, then set about seeking financial backing.

What he did have was an impressive managerial track record. As an 11-plus failure, he had been the first pupil from a secondary modern school in Kent to win a university place. He has also studied at the London School of Economics. Later, after a year's voluntary service in the Sudan, he joined the Ford Motor Company in 1967 and was promoted to UK traffic and customs manager.

MD's ultimatum: 'Either I leave the group, or you sell it to me'

Mr Holmes taught himself about buyouts by visiting accountancy firms and collecting leaflets. Sears offered him £2 million in loans and then a friend from Hong Kong put him in touch with the Royal Bank of Scotland whose corporate finance arm took action.

Mr Holmes says: "I had a five-year cash flow and profits projection, and I did not really have many problems because the worst part of the company was largely its management."

The £5.5 million buyout was finalized in August 1984 with Mr Holmes and two other directors owning 90 per cent of the equity and the Royal Bank 10 per cent. (The latter stake is now held by Charterhouse Development Capital through the Royal Bank's ownership of Charterhouse Bank.)

The new company, which changed its name to Silcock Express Holdings and is based in Barking, Essex, is an example of how a buyout can transform the perforamce of a business.

Mr Holmes implemented his plan to Europeanize the company, and pre-tax profits are now running at £4 million on a turnover of £46 million. It is the second largest car transporter in Britain, the second in France, and already the third in Spain.

Although he is proud of being a delegator, Mr Holmes says he has never before worked so hard, with a 12-hour day and more than one-third of his time spent abroad.

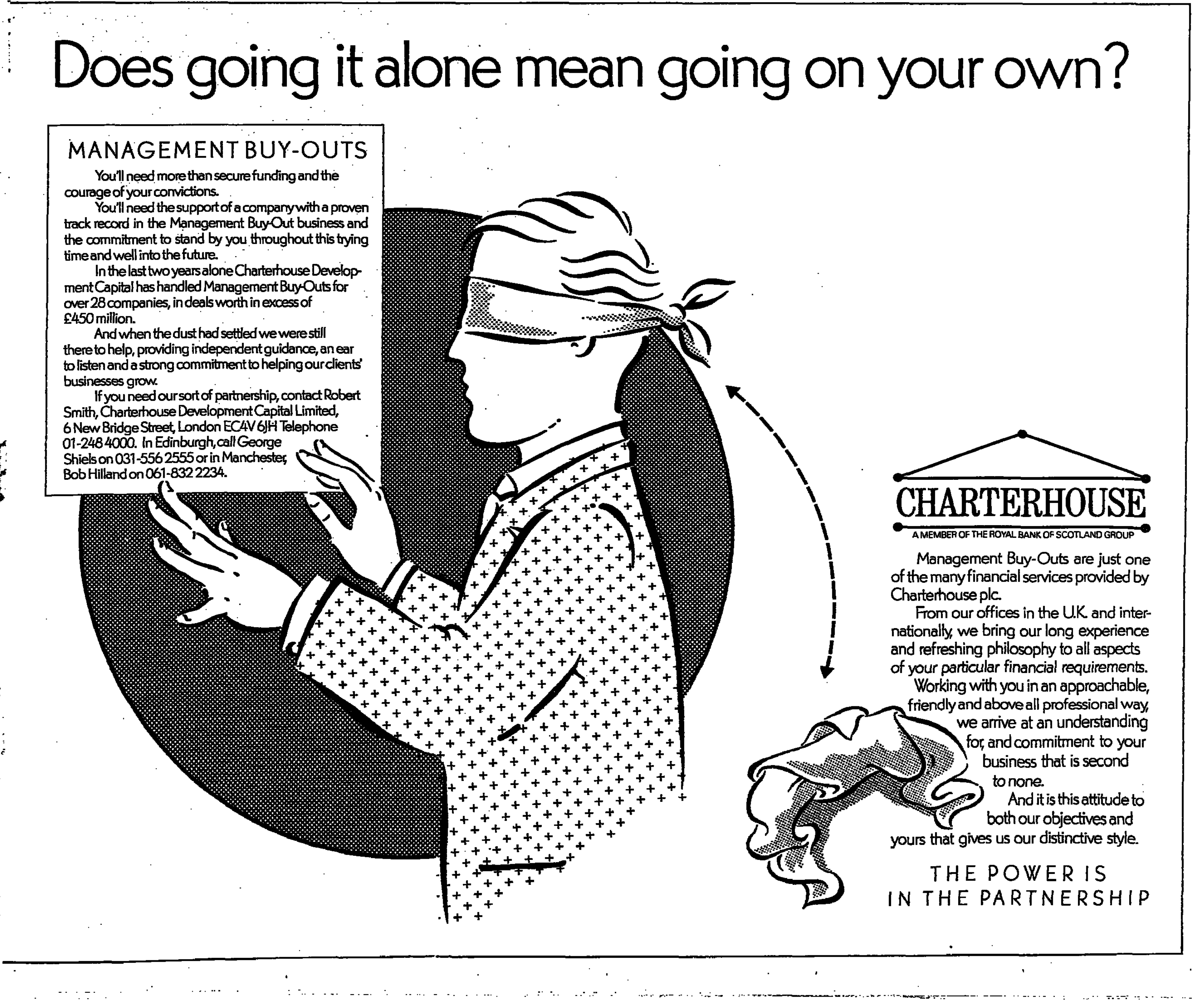
"I found myself in a position where I had a free reign with the policies. It was a mind-blowing experience to realize that I could be genuinely entrepreneurial."

Anxious to reduce the business's complete dependency on the vaguaries of the motor industry, Mr Holmes has set up his own seedcorn finance operation. The spare space at the Barking head office is now filled by a number of small start-up operations in which Silcock Express has an equity holding in return for *accommodation and loans*. "It has given me a great deal of pleasure," says Mr Holmes.

So far there are four small companies ranging from a security guard business to computer software, and two are already profitable.

For the future, Silcock Express plans further joint ventures in Spain and France but there is no intention to seek a stock market floatation. "If I wanted to make a lot of money I would take the company to the market but I do not want the pressure of external shareholders," he says.

Teresa Poole



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Making the new bosses

Tempted by dreams of becoming multi-millionaires with their shares quoted on the stock market, many managers have attempted company buyouts over the past few years.

They have imagined that, freed from the straightjacket of being part of a larger organization, they will be able to run a business the way they think fit and make their fortune at the same time.

Many, however, have fallen at the first hurdle – convincing their accountants that they have a viable case.

One firm with the widest experience of advising on how to be your own boss is Peat Marwick. It has assisted in more than 150 management buyouts since 1980, when the trend really started, involving investments of between £25,000 and £100 million.

One of the best known was the buyout of Stone International, the world's biggest suppliers of air conditioning for transport systems, which was bought from its failed parent, Stone-Platt Industries, for £15 million in 1982 by four of the directors. The company eventually went public two years later, valued at £37 million, although it has recently had a run of bad luck.

Another was the buyout from Hanson Trust of the Collier men's clothing chain, later to be acquired by the Burton Group.

On a smaller scale, Peat Marwick helped four managers of a wire-drawing company, E and E Kaye of Enfield, Middlesex, to acquire the firm in 1982 for more than £1 million from the French nationalized corporation, Pechiney.

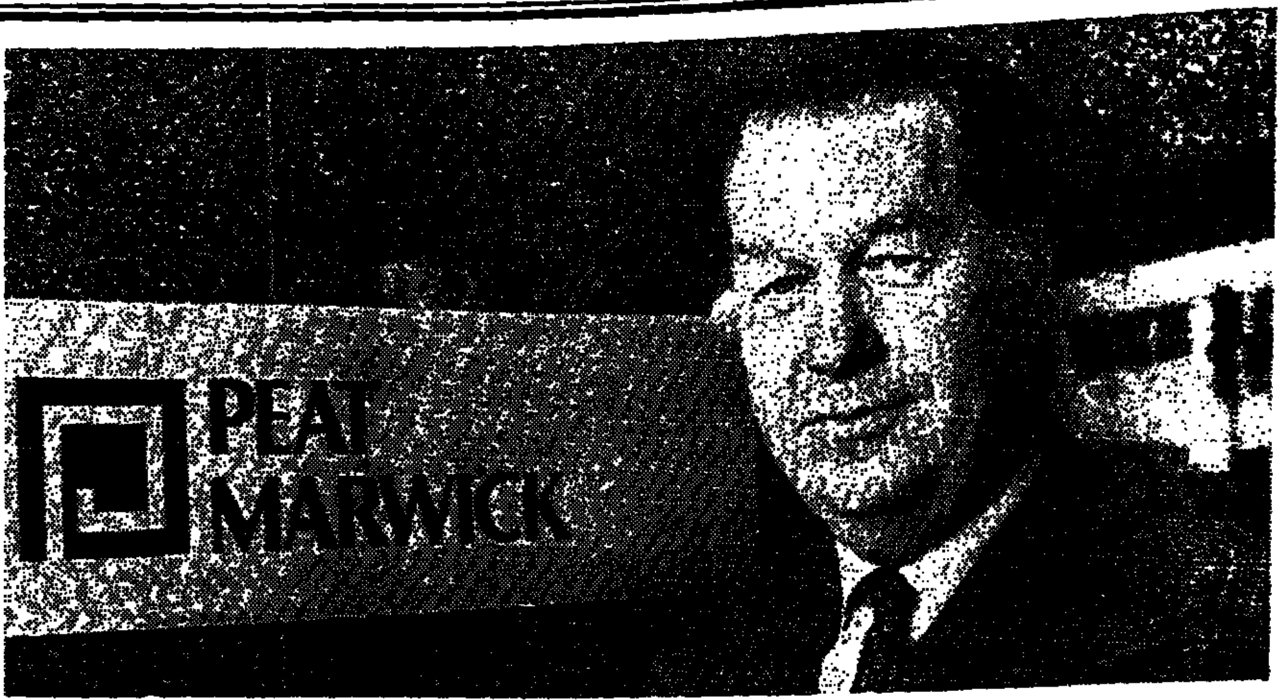
The accountant's involvement comes about in a variety of ways. A group may review its corporate strategy and decide to sell off part of the business to concentrate on other areas, to frustrate a takeover bid it believes is on the way, or simply because the operation is not making enough money.

The idea is often put up by accountants

With knowledge of the business, a buyout team may be prepared to offer a better price than an outside buyer. On the other hand, a group of managers may decide to go in cold and ask the owners if they would be willing to sell.

In fact, the germ of the idea is often planted by Peat Marwick itself, which regularly places advertisements intended to start management thinking along those lines.

It also runs seminars for managements considering a buyout, covering the methods of finance, tax implications and the other nuts and bolts involved in operating a company.


Strategist David Carter of Peat Marwick says: 'The biggest snag is when the company's owner is unaware of a buyout bid'

David Carter, head of corporate finance services for Peat Marwick, says: "You can often get a very good idea of whether the deal is a non-starter from the first meeting with the management. You can judge pretty well whether they are up to scratch and if the proposition is on by looking at the profit record and cash flow.

"If you think the idea is worth going ahead with you ask them for a 10 to 20-page business plan, hopefully with as many figures as words to back it up."

Once the crucial vetting stage is over, Peat Marwick – and the other accountants like them – act as a sort of bridgehead to carry the proposition to the City.

There is no shortage of money available for a buyout, as long as it is well thought out. David Carter says: "I generally select four different financial routes which might be suitable. It could be a Business Expansion Scheme fund, a clearing bank, a development capital arm, or perhaps an American provider of debt. I usually look for a quick response. I also need to know what sort of price they would be prepared to support the acquisition at."

The institutions financing a management buyout will need to be convinced that the business has the resources necessary to make a success, especially where the buyout follows a period of little or no profitability. They will also be looking for evidence that it will generate the strong positive cash flow needed to repay initial borrowings.

In-depth investigations by Peat Marwick will, for instance, cover important areas such as the market assessment of the competitors, technological changes, the firm's vulnerability to price changes, interest rates and exchange rates, the state of the plant and equipment, and whether the supplies of raw materials and components are secure.

Most institutions set their eyes on seeing a flotation within three to five years. An early exit is also important for the managers, who may have borrowed heavily to put up their own stake – typically around £50,000 each in a £10 million buyout.

Surprisingly, one of the biggest snags can be the attitude of the owners of the business. Mr Carter says: "Sometimes they aren't even aware that the managers are working on a buyout and can turn the whole deal down. I am working on four deals, each of more than £10 million and the chances of more than one being done is slim because of the vendor."

He is also cautious about the growth prospects for buyouts, which he blames on unrealistically high asking prices. For instance, there were 10 deals over £10 million in the first quarter of last year, but the numbers fell steadily to six in the past three months.

"We have had only one deal over £10 million so far this year. It is very difficult to finalize buyouts where the price earnings ratio gets much above 10 because of the high level of gearing involved in the purchase."

Cliff Feltham

When the staff take over from the state

A former bus conductor, Arthur Townsend, pictured left, with David Mitchell, the Transport Minister, led the successful staff buyout of Oxford Motor Services from the National Bus Company

The Government's zest for privatization has proved a Godsend for the managers in many nationalized industries wanting to take over their own companies.

The theory is that once freed from the dead hand of state ownership and bureaucracy, the company can be more responsive to market forces and be accountable to committed shareholders rather than to differently-motivated politicians.

It does not always work, and the recent collapse of Vosper Shiprepairers at Southampton, bought by its management from British Shipbuilders, is a sad example of how even management buyout is no insulation against market forces.

It is a risky and courageous step for any manager to take, but when the company is protected by the might of Whitehall, it is even more a journey into the unknown.

There have been a number of successful buyouts in the state sector and the one that captured the hearts and minds of many people was that of the Vickers and Cammell Laird warship yards at Barrow-in-Furness and Birkenhead.

For once, the bankers and accountants took a back seat as 11,500 workers and 5,000 local people became shareholders, owning 27 per cent of the equity. City institutions led by Lloyds Merchant Bank own the remainder.

The new company, Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Group, was put together by the Vickers chairman, Sir David Nicholson, and the chief executive, Dr Rodney Leach, whose efforts raised the enthusiasm and the £100 million to buy the two businesses.

British Shipbuilders, then run by Graham Day, later to head the Rover Group, was anxious to obey government instructions to sell the warship interests quickly and the less attractive Cammell Laird was lumped with Vickers as a saleable package.

After the sale, Dr Leach estimated that the order book, including the first of the controversial Trident nuclear submarines, was worth £2 billion and would allow both facilities to operate profitably into the 1990s. Profits for last year are expected to be about £12 million.

Mr Day's privatization expertise has since been utilized in his new role as chairman and chief executive of the rump of Britain's motor industry, with a brief to return as much as possible of the old British LeylandL company to the private sector as quickly as he can. A few weeks ago, he finally signed away a controlling interest in Unipart, the profitable parts and components division to a band of managers and City institutions led by Charterhouse Bank, who bought 78.33 per cent of the company for £30 million.

£15 shares could be worth £2,000

The company's 4,000 workers have been offered 12 per cent of the ordinary shares and told by Mr Neill that £15 invested in founders' shares could be worth more than £2,000 if Unipart was floated on the stock market at a valuation of £75 million within the next few years.

The much-heralded Unipart sale has pleased Government ministers, but so have the smaller and less publicized hivings off to the private sector of the component parts of the National Bus Company. Thirteen regional bus companies have now been sold, one of the latest being Trent Motor Traction of Derby which went to its own management led by its managing director, Brian King. About a fifth of the shares are being offered to the 1,100 employees.

NBC, which had 52 local bus subsidiaries and 19 other companies to privatize, says it expects more sales this year and that most of the company will have been disposed of by the end of this year. NBC is refusing to disclose the value of individual buyouts, but the Government says it will release a total figure at the end of the exercise.

The biggest NBC buyout has been that of the Eastern National Omnibus Company in which the management bought an 80 per cent stake last December. The company runs 526 buses and coaches and has 15 depots.

At the other end of the scale, City of Oxford Motor Services, which has a fleet of 157 vehicles, was sold in January to a management team led by Arthur Townsend, a 58-year-old former bus conductor and the longest-serving managing director of an NBC subsidiary.

Last year, the Department of Transport said that NBC staff bids would receive preferential treatment on price of up to five per cent, plus up to £42,000 for professional fees, repayable only if the buyout was successful.

But perhaps the most celebrated management and employee buyout from the state sector is that of the National Freight Consortium five years ago. Shareholders, whose individual investments are now worth many thousands of pounds, have given the thumbs down to a public flotation for at least a year.

The consortium, which includes National Carriers and Pickfords, now has 21,030 shareholders, of whom more than 80 per cent are employees and their families or company pensioners. Banks and institutions hold about 17 per cent. Now, Sir Peter Thompson, the chairman, is keen to persuade more middle managers to become shareholders and to create a "core of capitalists".

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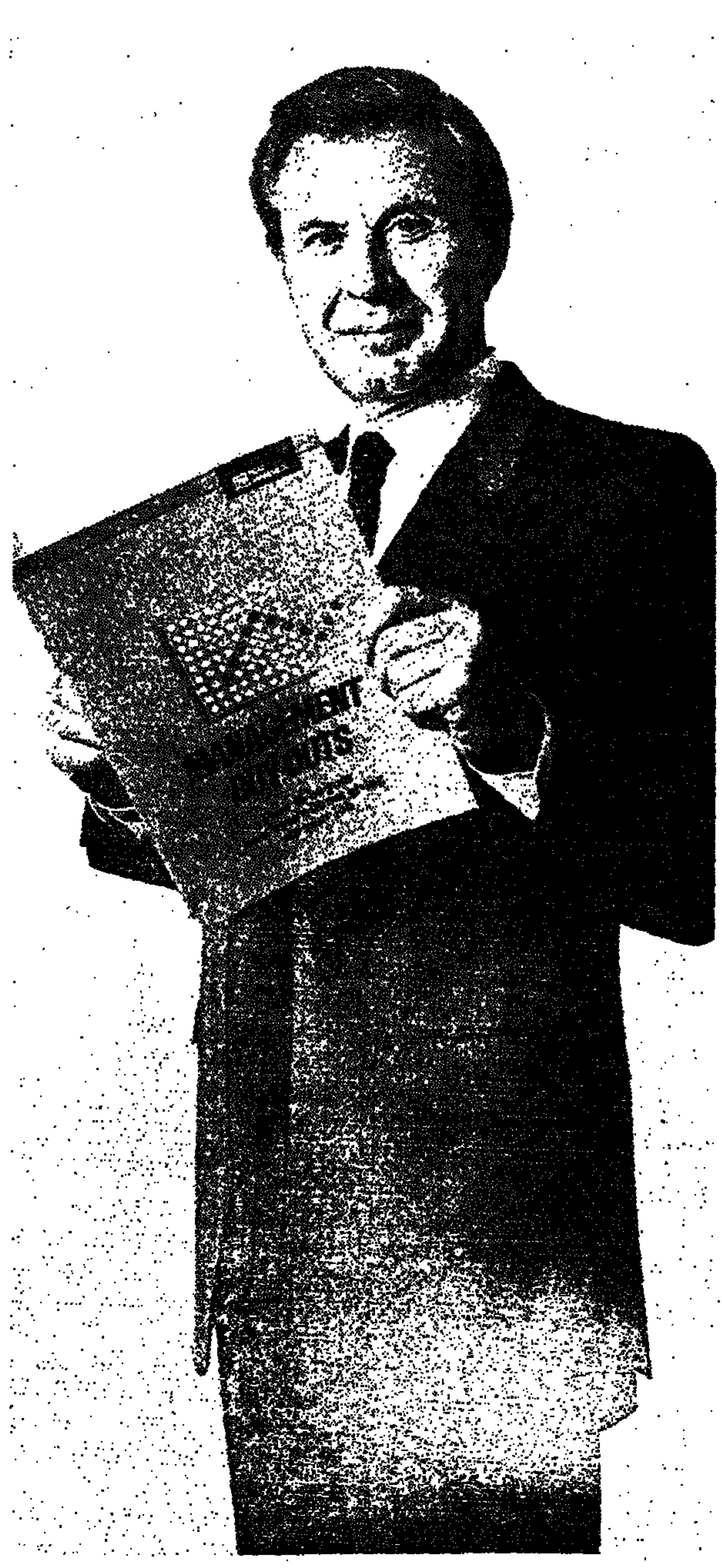

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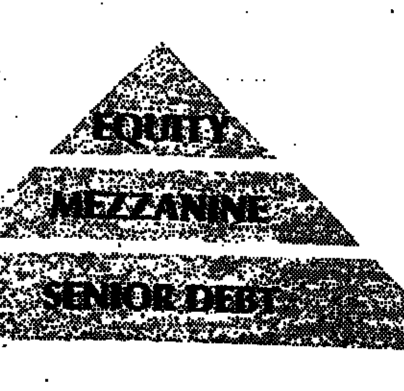

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Buzz word in the City

If the firm's inside management team isn't skilled enough to support a buyout, that's the time to for an outside team to buy in

There's a new buzz word being heard in the world of venture capital — buy-in. The basic recipe is simple: take a company that is *underperforming because of* bad management, organize an ambitious new management team with a sound alternative *business plan*, then add the financial backing of a group of venture capital funds or banks which enables the new team to aquire control.

Next, the new management makes an offer and the existing shareholders or parent company can either opt to take the cash and get out, or accept shares and stay with the *firm and new management*.

The incentive for the new managers is a sizeable stake in the company. The old managers are out of a job.

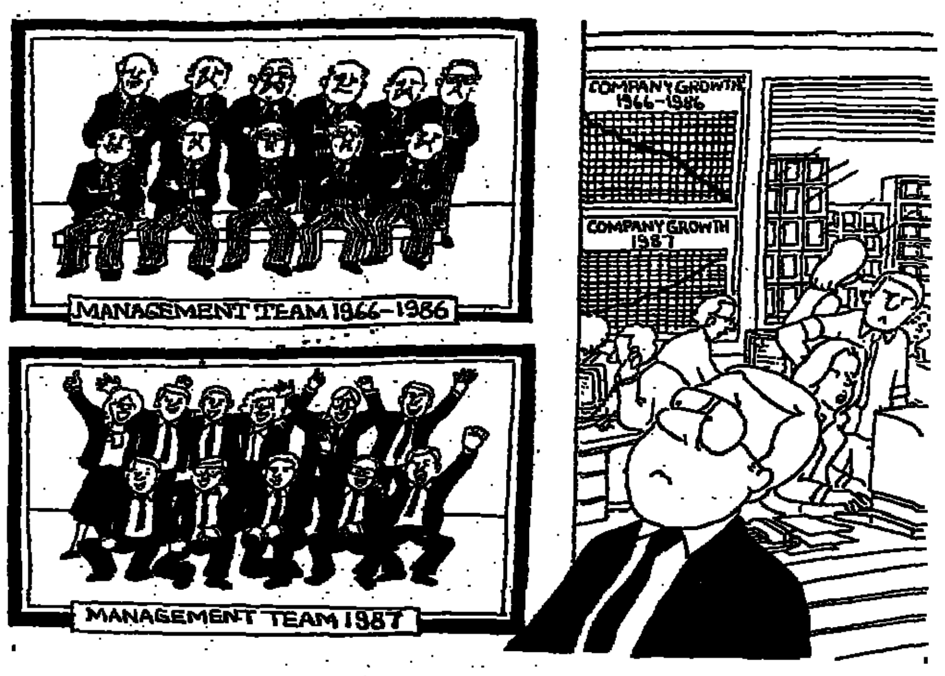
This scenario is one which a number of venture capitalists expect to become far more commonplace this year. Dr Hugh de Quervain, managing director of Midland Montagu Ventures, says: "It is almost a market reaction to a situation where the market is crowded. There is now too much money around chasing too few worthwhile buyout opportunities."

So, as any good salesman knows, the answer is to produce a new product aimed at a different situation.

The target for a buy-in can be a quoted company but is more likely to be a subsidiary of a quoted company, a company with a foreign parent, or a private company.

Examples of successful buy-ins include Woolworths in 1982, Meggitt Holdings, Melville Technology, Cullen's, Barker and Dobson, and Cambridge Instruments in 1979.

More recent was the failed £200 million buy-in bid by Valuedale for Simon Engineering. Led by Philip Ling, *managing* director of the Haden Group which itself fought off a hostile bid with a successful management buyout, Valuedale offered Simon Engineering shareholders an immediate cash payment but left them in control of the company. Only after a significant increase in the share price would Mr Ling and his team and backers have been rewarded with a substantial stake in the company.



Simon Engineering's shareholders were not convinced and the buy-in failed. Given the Guinness scandal, the climate was probably against hostile bids of any sort. In any case, the general City view was that the existing management at Simons should be given the *benefit of the doubt. There is a* consensus at the moment which suggests that it will be the agreed buy-ins which emerge this year. Mr Ling says: "Leaving out public companies, I am sure there are going to be many more deals which bring together capital *and new management to* revitalize a company."

The incentive for new managers is a sizeable stake in the company

What is needed, he says, is a catalyst. "The problem is that you have to arrange for the capital, the managers, and the deal all to be ready at the right time. It is a perfect role for an intermediary."

Midland Montagu last week hosted Britain's first buy-in conference to increase the awareness of opportunities. Dr de Quervain, who is regularly approached by managers looking for a new challenge, says: "You do not need a whole team. It could be two or three people, or even one."

Compared with a buyout, a buy-in team will probably be expected to make a greater financial commitment themselves. Ken Coates, chief executive of Meggitt Holdings, put in around £100,000 of his own money when he and Nigel McCorkell moved in from Flight Refuelling in 1983.

"It was a monumental risk, *but it just seemed the right* thing to do," he says. A buy-in for a quoted company is, by definition, almost always going to be hostile. Meggitt was unusual in that a large shareholding was owned by an ageing *in situ* management happy to make way for younger *blood*.

Although further hostile approaches may be put off by Valuedale's experience, it would be possible for a buy-in to have the support of shareholders but not the existing management. Richard Mead, the corporate finance partner at Arthur Young, the accountants, says: "Hostile *buy-ins are out of fashion. But* I think there will be a number of "put-ins" where we get smart management put in with institutional backing. They will be for both quoted and unquoted companies."

Arthur Young has identified *a number of managers who it* believes are worth supporting and who would be suitable candidates for buy-in opportunities. Some of these represent the management fallout following the wave of takeovers last year.

The general picture is of a top class manager who is bored with his present success and willing to take the plunge with the possible reward of considerable wealth.

From the investors' point of *view, it is not clear whether* buy-ins are riskier or safer than buyouts. In the case of a buyout there is full access to information about the company and the management knows the job although the top personalities may never have been in total charge of a company before.

In a buy-in, the manage*ment team is usually of* a proven calibre and there is the scope for a considerable improvement in the performance of the business, although it cannot possibly know the company as well.

Given the amount of financial backing available these days, it is not inconceivable that before long we will have a *buy-in team battling with a* buyout team for control of a company.

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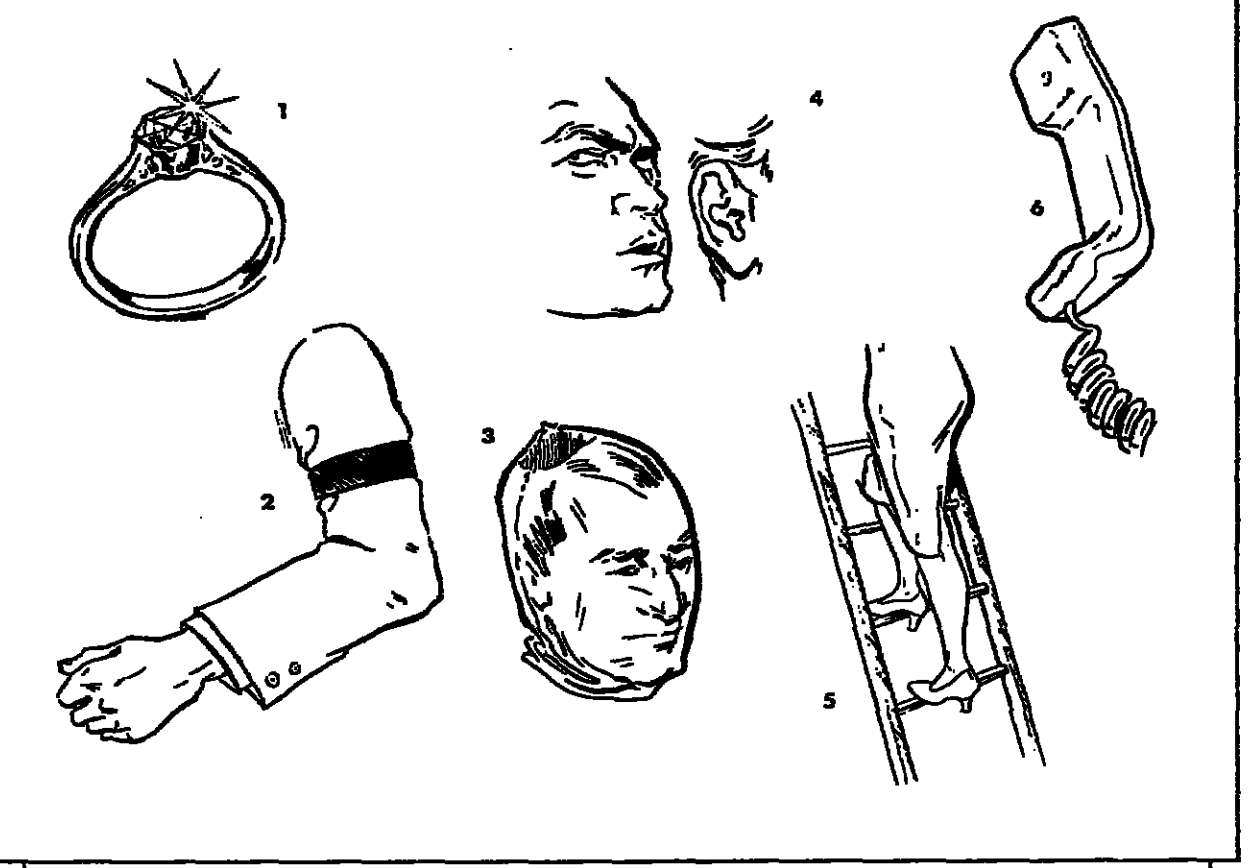

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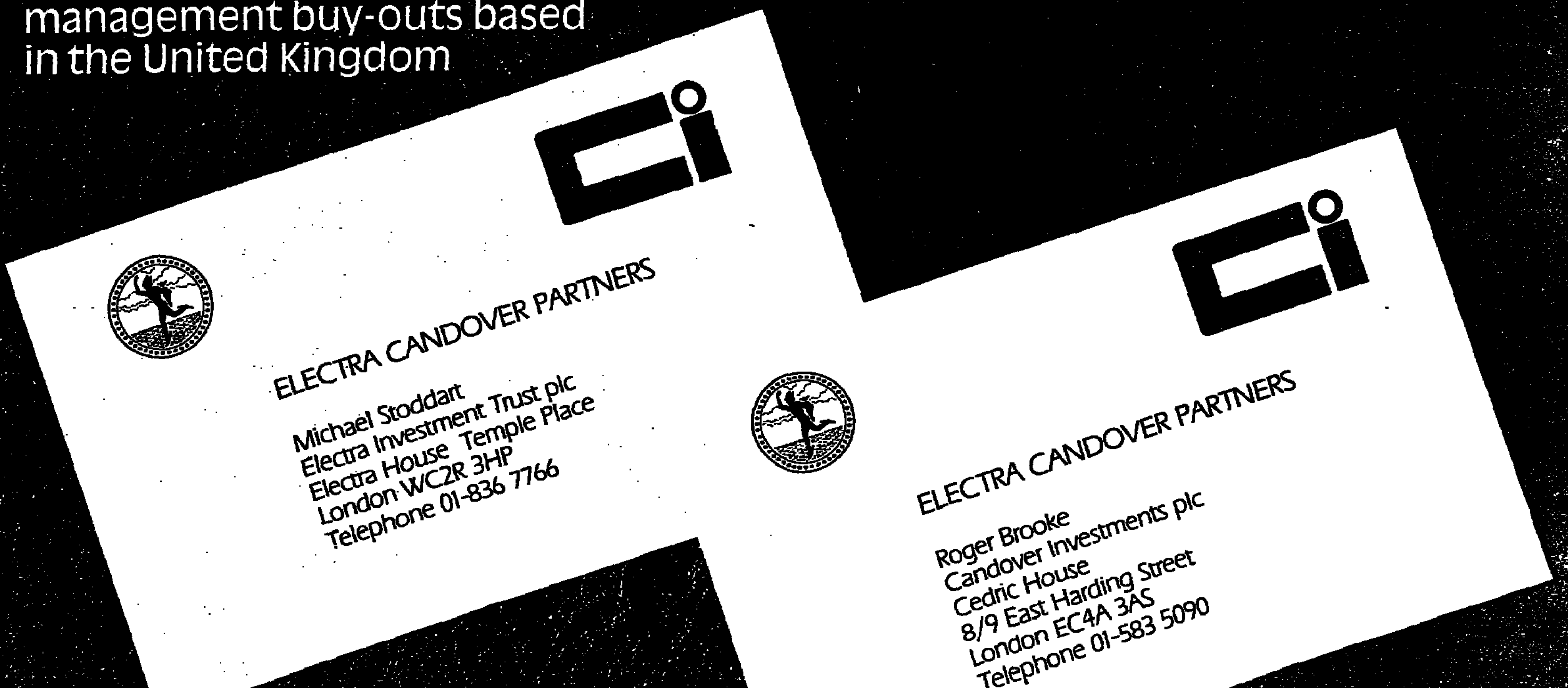

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Billions in the chase

There is no shprtage of finance for buyouts. A quick tally suggests that about 120 organizations in Britain say they are interested in investing in buyouts. Of these, maybe 20 are active players in the market.

According to Charles Gonszor, head of management buyouts at Citicorp Venture Capital, which launched a £100 million buyout equity fund in 1985: "The market is probably worth between £1 billion and £1.5 billion at the moment and we reckon that there is about £5 billion of equity and debt chasing that market."

Over the past two years there has been a surge in the number of specialist funds dedicated to providing equity for buyouts. These range from the £260 million Electra Candover fund right down to the £2 million Johnson Fry BES scheme.

Just adding up these dedicated or earmarked resources (which do not include 3i, which has put up more than £200 million for buyouts so far and was one of the first to encourage their growth) accounts for around £800 million of equity finance searching for suitable buyout situations. For some time it has been clear that there is too much money chasing too few deals.

As a result, something akin to an informal buyout club has emerged. In the UK – much more than in the US – the buyout market is very much a syndicated market. A deal will be led by one institution but, if large enough, the equity will be shared among a number of investors. A quick review of most of the large buyouts that have caught the headlines over the past year reveals that the same names crop up again and again.

A syndicated market has two benefits. It is easy for investors to limit any one investment to a manageable risk, and it means that when deals are in short supply each key player shares out his cake with the others. It also makes the market for buyout finance quite hard for a newcomer to break into. "There are a lot of funds not doing very much," said one specialist.

Funds are choosy on investments and failure rates are low

According to figures prepared by Peat Marwick, the leading accountants for buyouts, those most active as leaders in deals worth more than £10 million up until September 1986 are Bankers Trust, Barclays Development Capital, Candover Investments, Charterhouse Development Capital, Citicorp Venture Capital, Electra Investment Trust, 3i, Lloyds Merchant Bank/Development Capital and Prudential Venture Managers.

Charles Gonzor of Citicorp

The other leading name would be Schroder Ventures, which put together the defensive buyout at Haden and trumped the Trafalgar House takeover bid.

Charterhouse Development Capital, which recently closed its £100 million dedicated buyout fund, last year helped finance 16 buyouts with a total value (including equity and loan finance) of £264 million. The new fund — now deciding on its first investment — is aimed at buyouts worth more than £10 million.

In common with a trend found with most of the specialist funds, half of the money committed to Charterhouse's fund was raised in the US. Robert Smith, managing director of Charterhouse Development Capital, says: "There is a lot more money there. They understand management buyouts and it is a much more mature market."

He is optimistic that the recent growths in buyouts in Britain can be maintained but also points to the opportunities in Europe. Just as the US now looks for buyout opportunities in Britain, so are the British specialists beginning to export their experience to the Continent.

"It is a great opportunity. In Germany, Italy and France there is a great interest in buyouts," he adds.

Within the UK, the competition to invest funds combined with a buoyant stockmarket has pushed up the prices of buyouts, particularly at the top end of the market where the management offer can all too easily be topped by a more generous price from a listed company with highly valued paper to issue.

Just such a rival bid from Allied Lyons forced the management of the food and beverages division of Cadbury Schweppes to raise its offer.

But these high valuations could help to tempt funds away from the obvious safe deals, Mr Gonszor says: "Some of the leaders are getting more aggressive, going for riskier deals and lending more. The trend is also towards larger buyouts although it is difficult to see whether we will see a Beatrice type deal (at $6.2 billion) in this country."

There is some feeling among observers that buyouts have so far presented the venture capital funds with an uncommonly safe type of investment and have perhaps diverted much needed risk capital away from other aspects of British industry. The funds are very choosy about their buyout investments and the failure rate — again so far — is low.

Teresa Poole

The front men

Management buyouts have evolved over 40 years, and as transactions have increased in size institutional investors have concentrated more on due diligence, the venture capital term applied to the checks carried out prior to committing to an investment.

Due diligence is usually centred on two areas: strong management team and a positive cash flow.

Of the two, the ability of the management team is seen as the most important. However good the cash flow, whatever the potential of the product or technology, neither will be exploited successfully without a capable and complete management team.

Venture fund managers expect to be strong in every function: marketing and sales, production, finance. And most important of all is the managing director, capable of leading his troops from the front.

Most fund managers will say that the non-executive directors have a key role to play too. To be effective they must be acceptable to both management and institutions, and they must be able to make a contribution to the business.

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Most investing institutions insist, first and foremost, an absolute trust in the people running the business which they are being asked to help finance.

Second, the fund manager will look for a strong and positive cash flow. Most such transactions today are highly geared, with the debt having not only to be serviced but also repaid.

High gearing on the one hand increases the risk and on the other the potential rewards to both management and investing institutions. Responsible institutions satisfy themselves that the level of debt will not jeopardize the future of the company.

Positive cash flow emanates from three main sources; profits, the disposal of unwanted assets and the tighter control of working capital. Investors will want to see a profit base secured by a mature product which can at least maintain its market share in the medium term. Under-utilized assets which can be realized have obvious advantages, but it is also important to ensure that the company is able to invest sufficient funds to at least maintain its competitive situation.

High technology businesses with significant R & D expenditure, and companies with large capital expenditure programmes often start at a disadvantage, however in such cases, buyouts can be structured, but the element of gearing must be carefully controlled.

Whatever the circumstances, responsible institutional investors are wary of cyclical companies. A recession with a downturn in both activity and margins, coupled with an increase in interest rates, can be a lethal cocktail if gearing is material.

Institutions also place some importance on the financial commitment of the management team. Management is responsible for the success of the company, and will invest on more favourable terms than the institutions.

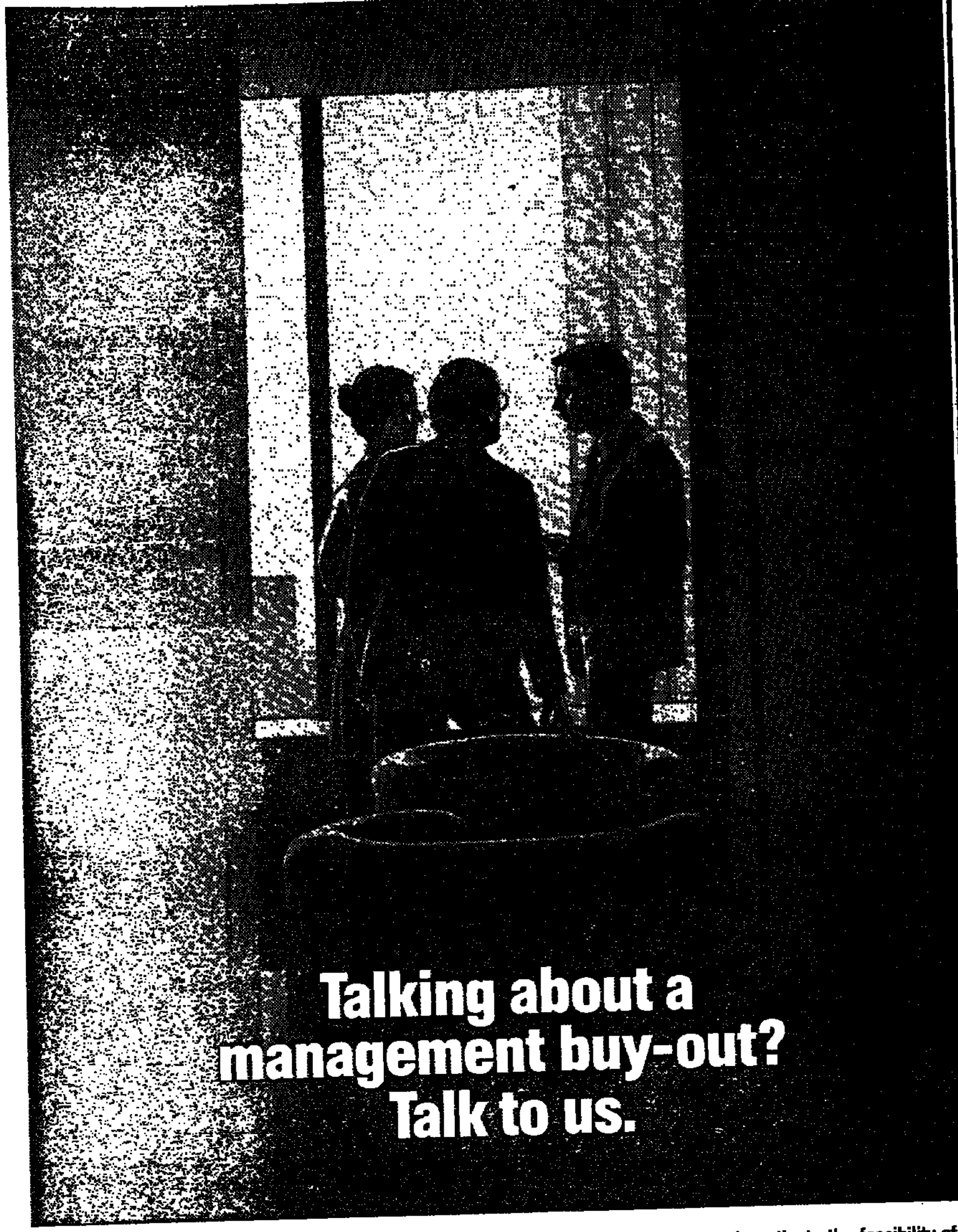
However, this carried interest should be reasonable, and most institutions prefer that capital rewards are linked to performance in some way.

Management's financial commitment should be material, but not to the extent that its members spend more time worrying about their personal position than the company's cash flow.

Buyout failures arise when a management team is not strong enough to run the business so that the debt can be serviced and repaid.

Responsible institutions recognize these potential problems and avoid the more risky situations. In a large portfolio it is inevitable that there will be companies which do not perform to plan, and in some cases lead investors take an active role at an early stage to ensure that any weaknesses can be corrected.

Michael Tate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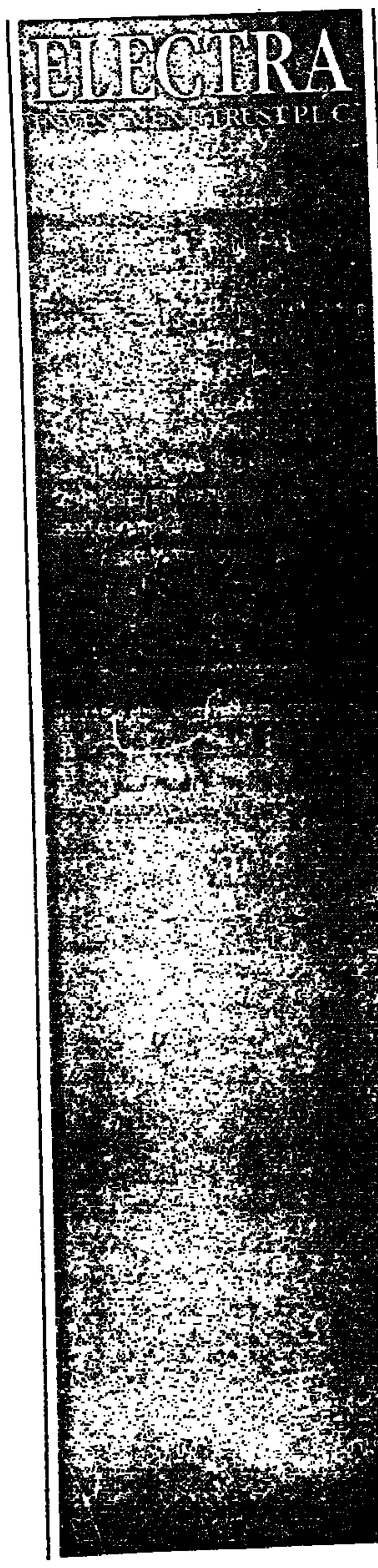

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Electra and the Management Buy-out

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As Michael Stoddart, Chairman of Electra says: "We set out to be different; to emulate the investment strategies of the successful players of the past century, whose risk-taking approach made such a contribution to industrial development and to their own fortunes."

The success of this policy is demonstrated by the growth of Electra's asset value over the past ten years. In the early days, Electra invested in a number of industries but there has been an important emphasis on financial services. Electra took interests in private firms such as stock jobbers, Akroyd & Smithers in London and in the Oppenheimer Group in the US. Oppenheimer gave Electra a window on the development of the leveraged buy-out in the US and much of its current activities in this field in the UK and the US is derived from this relationship.

Electra's unlisted investments are now divided approximately equally between the UK and the US. In the last two years, Electra participated in sixteen management buy-outs in the UK and twenty seven leveraged buy-outs in the US.

Among UK investment trusts, Electra is unique. As a specialist in UK and US unlisted investments of all kinds, it has become a leader in financing managements to acquire substantial interests in their companies.

The transatlantic dimension is essential to Electra's stream of opportunity. Apart from contributing to the substantial growth in capital value, it has allowed Electra to adapt the leveraged buy-out techniques it learnt in the US to the UK environment.

"Electra's skills are highly relevant to the re-emergence in the past few years of wealth creation as a legitimate social objective in this country," says Michael Bentley, Chief Executive of Electra. "Electra was among the first to invest on a project by project basis and also to appreciate the readiness of the banks to provide loan financing principally on cash flow rather than assets which is a critical feature of the management buy-out" says Bentley.

Reciprocal appreciation on the part of the US market for Electra's Anglo-American focus was demonstrated last year when three major investors, GE Pension Fund, Travelers Insurance and US Steel Pension Fund singled out Electra as a vehicle through which to participate in the emerging buy-out business in the UK. They provided $40 million directly to Electra and two of them committed further substantial sums to the Electra Candover Direct Investment Plan which was assembled later.

With £260 million in committed funds, ECDI is the largest management buy-out pool in the UK. It was conceived by Electra and its partner, Candover, following their observation of the advantages of the mega-fund in the US so successfully developed by Kohlberg, Kravis Roberts & Co., in whose funds Electra is also an investor.

"We have nourished the market and directors of public companies are now well aware of the management buy-out as an effective option in the divestiture of assets. Managements, too, can see the opportunity these new techniques offer them to enjoy substantial stakes in their own businesses.

"It is not our only method of equity investment but leveraged and management buy-outs at present represent a high proportion of our transaction activity. Specialising on both sides of the Atlantic has allowed us to marry UK and US skills and attitudes – we believe it's a particularly potent formula," says Stoddart.

Above all things, Electra seeks opportunity on which to exercise its special expertise in private equity risk investment. It is prepared to respond quickly to propositions brought to it from the financial and industrial communities. It also generates its own opportunity which it can share with other interested investors. Relevant investments tend to have a five year time frame and are made in units up to £10 million.

In connection with the recently completed management buy-out of the Bowater paper interests, Chairman Tom Wilding said "we could not have done this transaction without Electra's capability to respond quickly."

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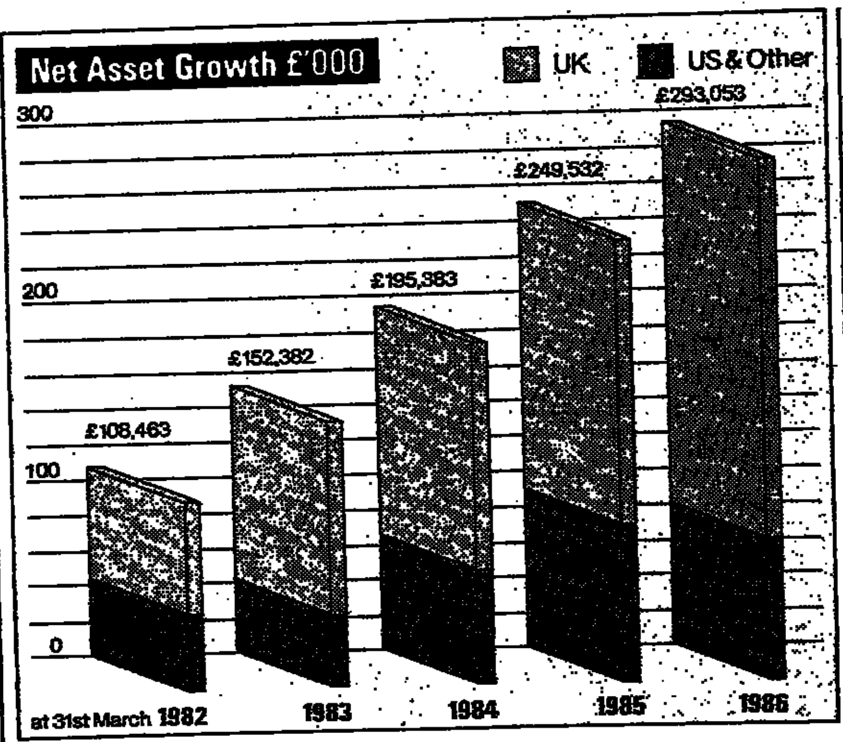

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Haden

Electra Investment Trust acted in the lead capacity with what is called a white knight rescue of the Haden Group when they were bid for by Trafalgar House in 1985. Electra and a number of other institutions provided the equity and preferred capital in this £57m transaction. The management performed outstandingly and to date one major division has been sold with management's approval and the remaining subsidiaries are highly profitable.

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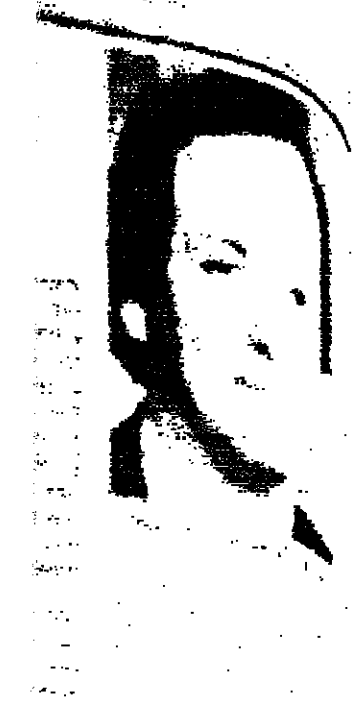

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RUGBY UNION: LEICESTER OUTMANOEUVRE BRISTOL TO MOVE INTO LAST FOUR OF JOHN PLAYER CUP

General Cusworth leads the charge

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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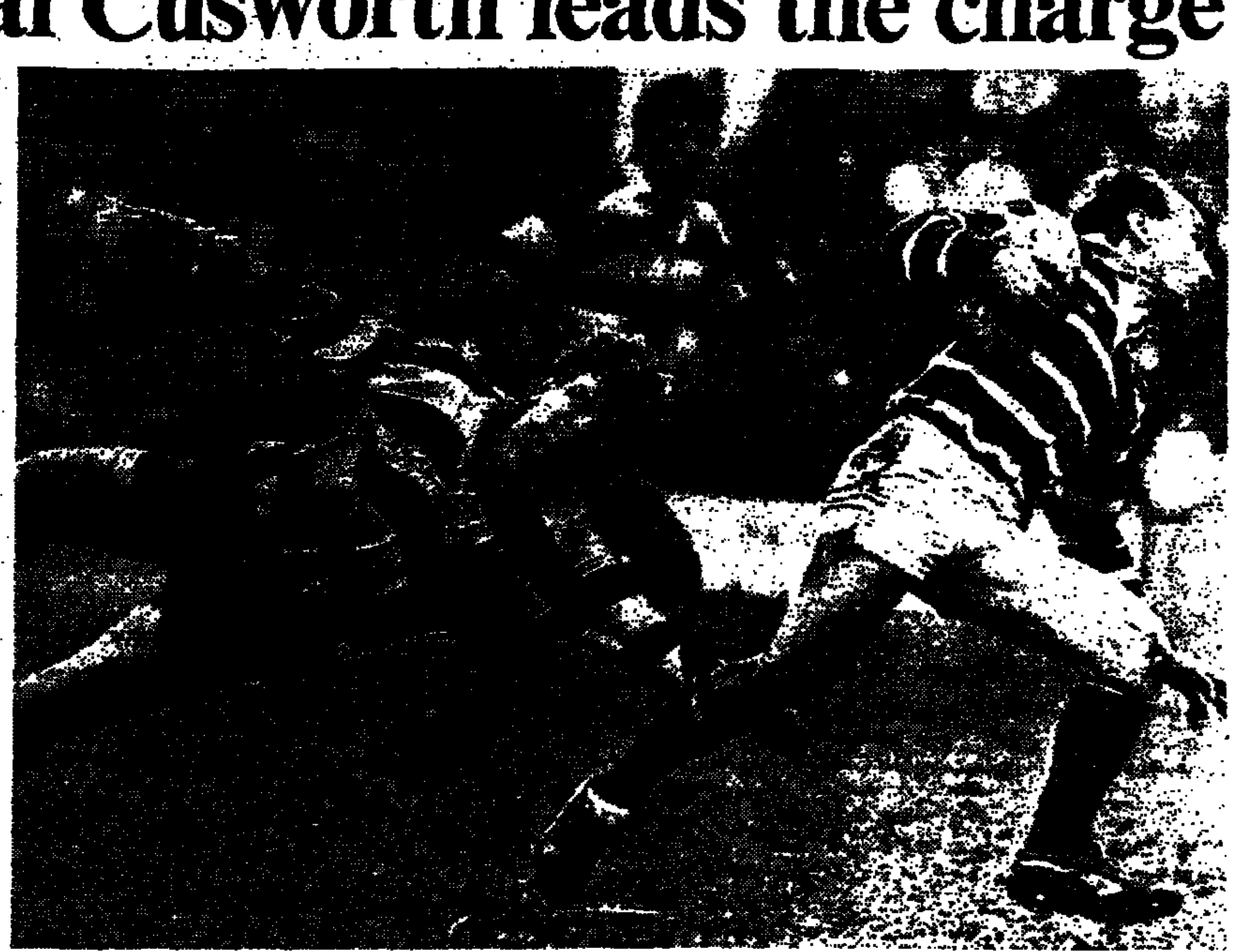
Leicester made their way into the semi-finals of the John Player Special Cup on Saturday for the eighth time in the last 10 years. At the Memorial Ground, never their favourite venue, they beat Bristol by two tries, two penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try and a penalty to earn a meeting with Wasps on March 28 — and, incidentally, consolidated their second place in the John Smith's merit table A.

It should not be, but it is, a relief to say that it was as clean, hard-fought and sporting a contest as anyone could have wished. Even the 9,000 or so spectators joined in, creating an almost unnerving silence for the goal-kickers, and there was a smile on the face of Nigel Pomphrey, the losing captain, as he left the field, acknowledging that the better team on the day had won.

It would be too easy to say that Leicester won because they had Les Cusworth. They won because they closed down the Bristol backs, prevented them linking dangerously with their back row as Bristol sides have done so effectively for years; because Tebbutt worked himself into the ground, because their centres tackled unmercifully; and because they had the experience to do the simple things well and to pose questions of Bristol in defence that they could not answer.

Cusworth, at 32, had a marvellous match. His tactical play, and that of Dodge, created doubt in Bristol ranks, *particularly for Webb, their* full back. Make no mistake, Webb is a fine player who will be even better when he sits down and analyses how *Leicester squeezed him into* untenable positions on the touchline and what his response should be. Not for *nothing was he closeted with* Hare afterwards.



Breakthrough: Cusworth, Leicester's inspiration, eludes the attempted tackle of Bristol's Dun (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

It was not an easy pitch to play on. The cloying surface mud stuck to boots and made *footholds difficult, in particular* for the goal-kickers: Webb had only three shots at goal but Hare missed four penalties and two conversions, an unusually *high failure rate for* him and one which looked likely to cost Leicester dear at one point.

But well though the Bristol *scrum played, and despite the* second-half lineout ball they won (Pomphrey could hardly have served his side better in that area) their backs could *never break the stranglehold* Leicester imposed on the middle of the field. Too often they were forced sideways; Knibbs, *a penetrative runner, found* himself forced to kick, and only once did Webb make an impact coming forward.

Bristol's try came courtesy *of Leicester trying to run* a failed penalty from behind their own posts, Evans knocking on and giving Bristol the scrum, from which they *wheeled and scored through* Collings. It was the only time Leicester did not opt for simplicity.

They had the better of the *first half, territorially,* but turned round at 4-4 when, from a rolling maul, Kenney broke right and timed his pass to Cusworth perfectly, the *little stand-off half darting* past two tacklers for the try. Webb's successful penalty was immediately erased when *Woodman gestured to prevent* Richards taking a quick throw and was penalized, Hare levelling matters.

Richards's appetite for the *game was enormous. He suffered* a "dead leg" late in the game but the impact he made, in the loose and lineout, could hardly be underestimated. *Twice he took Bristol throws* to set up scoring chances; twice long, cut-out passes from Cusworth gave Evans room to run, a desperate *defence stopping him* each time some five metres out.

A 30-metre dropped goal by Cusworth finally gave Leicester the lead, and it was the *stand-off who spotted that* Webb, trapped in a ruck, had left acres of space in the Bristol half; he kicked a long, *rolling ball and Dexter sped* after it, scooping up and touching down in one decisive movement.

Bristol never stopped running *but the game had slipped* by them. Hare's second penalty in injury-time was merely decoration and Rob Smith, Wasps' coach and a spectator, *was left with a thoughtful look* on his face.

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Collings. Penalty: Webb. Leicester: Tries: Cusworth, Dexter. Penalties: Hare (2). Dropped goal: Cusworth.

BRISTOL: J Webb; H Duggan, R Knibbs, D Thomas, D Woodman; G Thomas, R Harding; C Phillips, K Bogira, D Hickey, A Dun, N Pomphrey, M Skuse, P Polledri, P Collings.

LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, T Buttimore, C Dexter; L Cusworth, S Kenney; S Redfern, C Tressler, R French, J Wells, N Jackson, M Foulkes-Arnold, R Tebbutt, D Richards.

Referee: L Prideaux (Cornwall).

Wasps win has the flavour of France

By Chris Thau

Wasps	46
Sale	6

Wasps' victory by four goals, four tries and two penalties to one goal must have eased their Merit Table A relegation worries at Sudbury. With six regulars on call for county duties and one out injured, Wasps put on a scintillating display of running rugby in which, significantly, three England internationals, Davies, Simms and Bailey, played the leading part.

This feast of talent and pace was indeed reassuring in the aftermath of England's *match* against Wales. English rugby has far deeper resources than has been on display recently.

Sale, a generous and hard-working team, have tried everything in their power to stop the rot, yet to their credit they never adopted a negative attitude — *their open style and general* approach contributing to the festive atmosphere.

It was hard, it was clean, it was beautiful and the ebullient Wasps' performance was more reminiscent of a rampant French side than of traditional dour English cup rugby. This impression of Gallic flavour was strengthened by Davies's gliding runs from defence and Simms's darting attacks.

After the match, Davies pointed out that he may need two weeks to reach peak form as he had played only eight matches since the New Year.

"There has been a lot of talk about the England fly-half position lately, and while I would never turn down an invitation to play for England the same *people who talk about me being* recalled criticized me a few years ago when I was playing at stand-off," he said.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Bailey (3), Rose (2), Simms, Pellow, Davies. Conversions: Davies (4). Penalties: Davies (2). Sale: Try: Benjamin. Conversion: Rafferty.

WASPS: H Davies; R Pellow, K Simms, K Titcombe, M Bailey, A Barnard, S Bates, M Brooks, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, S O'Leary, J Bonner, D Pegler, J Ellison.

SALE: P Jee; H Thomas, J P Stansfield, D Pollard, H Benjamin, J Rafferty, H Fitton, D Butcher, D Taylor, M Callery, N Owen, T Broughton, I McKie, P Billington, M Kenrick.

Referee: J A F Trigg.

Newbridge take a stroll to victory

By Gerald Davies

Newbridge	54
Cheltenham	*0*

As other clubs have made a full frontal assault on the Welsh Cup, and grabbed the headlines while doing so, Newbridge have sneaked up on the blind side and, hey presto, have found themselves in the semi-finals to be played a fortnight hence. The start of the season did not add up to much for them but, after a steady improvement, the second half has been much better, and they have now won as many games as they have lost.

But it was the manner in which they dispatched Bridgend in the last round of the cup that impressed. Newbridge were very much the underdogs but, correctly motivated for the occasion with a rugged, no-nonsense approach, they tackled everything in sight and came out on top. Against Cheltenham, those tactics were not needed, and on a crisp afternoon the home side *ran and passed* at will and accumulated five goals and six tries without reply.

The visitors began enthusiastically enough and won some possession, but Newbridge soon recognized that they could afford to take chances. In Williams, at stand-off, they had a runner who was more than happy to do so and Hill and Phillips were elusive and determined wingers, with Hill scoring four tries.

His first was sandwiched between the two scored by Jones, *the centre. Williams converted* one of these to give a 14-0 lead at half-time. Two tries in the first three minutes of the second half, by Williams and Phillips, one of which were converted by Bow, the other by Williams, ended it as a contest.

Newbridge ran everything after that. Hill scored three more tries, and Harris, James and Foote got the others. Bow converted one.

Swansea are unlikely to be such placid opponents in the semi-final, but Newbridge, to be sure, will not be so indulgent.

SCORERS: Newbridge: Tries: S Hill (4), R Jones (2), P Williams, C Phillips, S Harris, S James, N Foote. Conversions: P Williams (3), W Bow (2).

NEWBRIDGE: W Bow; S Hill, D Hussey, R Jones, C Phillips; P Williams, S Fealey; N Foot, R Clayton, M Sibthorpe, S James, A Sutton, S Harris, P Jones, T Collins.

CHELTENHAM: A Morgan; A Hennessey, P Humphries, J Cropper, I Lovett; D Phillips, J Little; A Torkoniak, D Eyre, P Holmyard, B Copeld, S Pagett, K Jeavons, D Ogden, C Kelly.

Referee: M J Bailey (Swansea).

Heirs not apparent

By a Correspondent

Gosforth	20
West Hartlepool	4

The north-east derby between Gosforth and West Hartlepool has recently assumed much greater importance than the mere Northern Merit Table percentage points at stake. West Hartlepool, the dominant club in county Durham for the last decade, see themselves as heirs apparent to Gosforth's north-east crown — and have won this *fixture for the past two years.*

On Saturday, however, they were firmly put in their place when they played second fiddle for all but the last 10 minutes, and then only after Gosforth had relaxed with the game already won.

In the opening minute Gosforth pushed back their opponents' scrum, trapping Williams, the scrum half, offside. Johnson kicked the penalty. Minutes later Gosforth extended their lead when their fullback, Whisker, was put over in the corner.

Johnson *quickly* added another penalty *for offside* and, although the tempo of the match slowed down for the remainder of the half, he kicked a further penalty just before half-time.

Gosforth kept up the pressure after the interval, but their cohesion was not the same, with players too frequently over-elaborating instead of concentrating on doing the basics *well. Whisker dropped* a superbly-angled goal, and Curry was allowed a simple try.

West Hartlepool at last came into the game, and in the third minute of injury time, when Walker, the Gosforth scrum half, was off the field with a leg injury, Williams darted over for a consolation try.

SCORERS: Gosforth: Tries: Whisker, Curry. Dropped goal: Whisker. Penalties: Johnson (3). West Hartlepool: Try: Williams.

GOSFORTH: J Whisker; M Brewer, A Campbell, R Patyt, D Briggs; D Johnson, D Walker; C White, R Parker, J Curry (capt), D Davidson, K Westgarth, T Roberts, S Smith, G Smallwood.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: D Boyd (captain); A Mitchell, P Stacey, F Short, O Evans; J Stabler, T Williams; P Lancaster, M Wills, P Flowers, I Grint, J Dixon, D Mitchell, M Baggs, J Clark.

Referee: R Hinton (North Midlands Society).

Waterloo festival

By Michael Stevenson

Waterloo	34
Fylde	12

Fylde, *disrupted* by injury to their prop and captain, Peter Faulkner, achieved parity at half-time but collapsed hopelessly in the face of Waterloo's superlative pack to lose their Lancashire Cup quarter-final at Blundellsands yesterday

Wade Dooley and Steve Bainbridge, the England locks, were in the Fylde pack but were on their best behaviour. By the closing stages the game had reached festival spectacular level

The strong wind favoured Waterloo *initially* and their pack was soon pounding away at the Fylde line; Aitchison missed an early penalty when Fylde took the scrum down and another shortly after in front of the posts when Fylde were penalized at a ruck.

A fierce Waterloo shove disrupted Fylde's scrummaging but somehow they still won the ball. Paul Dooley picked up with the home pack still going forward, beat two men and fed Hanavan, who ran in a full 70 yards for Burnage to convert.

Waterloo levelled the scores deep in first-half injury time when Tickle timed *his run from* full back beautifully, broke clear and put Heslop in

SCORERS: Waterloo: Tries: Heslop (2), Hackett, Carfoot (2), Jenkins. Conversions: Aitchison (5). Fylde: Tries: Hanavan (2). Conversions: Burnage (2).

WATERLOO: J Tickle; P Cooley, P Jenkins, S Christopherson, N Heslop; I Aitchison, D Carfoot; C Dew, P Hackett, T Simon, N Allott, J Syddall, N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, G Hay.

FYLDE: S Gough; B Hanavan, I Greenhalgh, D Tanner (sub, J Nicholson), M Preston; S Burnage, M Weir; D Newman, D Haley, P Faulkner (sub, S Frost), M Hesketh, S Bainbridge, W Dooley, S Homes, P Dooley.

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Smith tries for his just reward

By George Ace

Ballymena	10
Instonians	3

Smith, the Ballymena hooker, capped a fine performance by being credited with the final score in a hard fought AIB Ulster Cup quarter-final against Instonians, when the home side triumphed by one goal and one try to a penalty goal.

Smith, *the regular Ulster* hooker a few seasons ago, has come to terms with the fact that life beyond the confines of a first-team place at club level demands a high degree of dedication and self discipline. Ballymena are benefiting enormously from his realization of the obvious, and it may well be that recognition again at higher *level is just around the corner.*

Russell eased Instonians ahead with a penalty after 17 minutes

Instonians changed ends still three points ahead, but Ringland raced in for a try which Rainey converted 13 minutes into the second period, and five minutes later a sea of black jerseys swept over the Instonian line with Smith claiming his just reward for an enterprising performance.

SCORERS: Ballymena: Tries: Ringland, Smith. Conversion: Rainey. Instonians: Penalty: Russel.

BALLYMENA: P Rainey; T Ringland, R MacBride, M Rainey, O Smith; M Dick, R Brady; P Millar, S Smith, B MacKenzie, W Pollock, T Lowry, D Allen, K Andrews, B Robinson.

INSTONIANS: M McKibbin; C Spence, D Irwin, D Spratt, K Crossan; P Russell, W Oakes; D Elliott, C Rodgers, B McKinnin, Douglas Crawford, J Whitten, J McKibbin, David Crawford, D Croft.

Referee: S Hilditch (Grosvenor HSFP).

An injustice seen to be done

By Peter Dixon

Middlesex	20
Cornwall	18

There is nothing worse than being made to feel a stranger in your own home. *Ask Middlesex.* At the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday they were made to feel out of place for much of the afternoon by a Cornwall side hungry to reach their first county championship final since 1969.

As it turned out, Middlesex did just about enough to get through to a meeting with *Yorkshire. Yet one could not* help feeling that an injustice had been seen to be done.

The less said about the first half the better. A penalty apiece, one to Champion, the Cornwall captain, the other to Fletcher, was all the predominantly Cornish crowd had been offered.

The second half was different. Cornwall immediately took the game to Middlesex. But it was Middlesex who increased their *lead. Fletcher landing another* penalty after O'Reilly, who had kicked on, was brought down during a counter-attack.

Sensing that Stringer, Middlesex's former England full back, was unhappy underneath the high ball, Pellowe, Cornwall's stand-off half, proceeded to bombard him with garryowens. The theory proved well-founded as the excellent Champion raced through to pluck the ball out of the air like a basketball player and force himself over the line for the game's first try, which he converted, in *the 53rd minute.*

Cornwall's delight was short-lived. Middlesex went straight back upfield, forcing a lineout five metres short of the visitors' line. From that the ball bounced back to Cullen, Middlesex's scrum half, who picked up and dived over. Fletcher converted.

In the last eight minutes a flurry of activity brought 17 points as Champion landed another penalty and Fletcher *crossed for two well-worked* blindside tries. Cornwall were undeterred. Bowden ran in a fine try on the right wing which Champion converted from the touchline.

SCORERS: Middlesex: Tries: Cullen, Fletcher (2). Conversion: Fletcher. Penalties: Fletcher (2). Cornwall: Tries: Champion, Bowden. Conversions: Champion (2). Penalties: Champion (2).

MIDDLESEX: N Stringer (Wasps); A Dent (Harlequins), R Lozowski (Wasps), C Smith (Harlequins), S O'Reilly (Metropolitan Police); M Fletcher (Harlequins), J Cullen (Richmond); J Kingston (Harlequins), J Olver (Harlequins), J Thorn (Richmond), C Pinnegar (Wasps), J Howe (Saracens), C Sheasby (Harlequins), M Rigby (Wasps), P Jackson (Harlequins).

CORNWALL: C Alcock (Camborne and Royal Navy); J Bowden (Camborne), G Champion (Devon and Cornwall Police and Truro), S Rogers (Camborne), D Weeks (Camborne); N Pellowe (Camborne), R Mankee (Camborne); J May (Redruth), R Tregoning (Redruth), R Keast (Redruth), M Haag (St Ives), A Cook (Devon and Cornwall Police and Hayle), S Lightfoot (Falmouth), G Williams (St Ives), D Mason (Launceston).

Referee: F A Howard (Liverpool).

Bucked up by the brothers Buckton

By Michael Stevenson

North Midlands	0
Yorkshire	24

If North Midlands could have selected from every qualified *player, it is probable that only* three of the side that faced Yorkshire at Moseley on Saturday would have been chosen. Their spirit and commitment were admirable, but Yorkshire moved comfortably into the Thorn-EMI county championship final against Middlesex

For much of this semi-final Yorkshire's superiority was nebulous, though the losers could not match the pace, cohesion and sleight-of-hand of their fine backs, for whom John Buckton made an auspicious *reappearance. His brother,* Peter, had a marvellous game.

Lack of lineout possession cramped Yorkshire's options in the first half. Ironically, their first try followed a lineout. Tipping fed Whitcombe and his pace and power defeated the cover.

On the resumption the lively Parsons touched down inches over the dead-ball line, having charged down Adamson's kick, and, after the departure of Mosses with a facial injury, a dummy, side-step and searing acceleration created a superb solo try for Andrew, which settled the issue.

SCORERS: Yorkshire: Tries: Whitcombe, Bentley (2), Andrew. Conversions: Adamson (4).

NORTH MIDLANDS: D Curwen (Birmingham); A Parsons (Moseley), M Thorpe (Birmingham University), D Read (Birmingham), E Saunders (Coventry); M Smith (Stourbridge), G Viney (Dixonians); M Head (Old Halesonians), J Domachi (West Midlands Police), G Mosses (Stourbridge) (rep: J Woolley, Moseley), S Masters (Moseley), R Tuckwood (Moseley), J Watkins (Hereford), T Keegan (West Midlands Police), J Wainwright (Stourbridge).

YORKSHIRE: R Adamson (Wakefield); M Harrison (Wakefield), J Bentley (Otley), J Buckton (Saracens), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps), D Holmes (Sheffield); M Whitcombe (Bedford), P Sellar (Hull and E Riding), A Rice (Hull and E Riding), S Tipping (Sale), G Thompson (Roundhay), D Baldwin (Wakefield), P Winterbottom (Headingley), P Buckton (Orrell).

Referee: R C Quittenton (London)

WEEKEND RESULTS

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
Semi-finals

Middlesex	20	Cornwall	18
N Midlands	0	Yorkshire	24

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

Coventry	14	London Scottish	15
Wasps	46	Sale	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Bath	7	6	0	1	178	65	85.71
Leicester	10	7	1	2	153	103	75.00
Nottingham	4	2	1	1	48	22	62.50
Moseley	9	5	1	3	91	127	61.11
Gloucester	7	3	0	4	75	92	42.85
Sale	7	3	0	4	82	136	42.85
Orrell	5	2	0	3	60	98	40.00
Bristol	8	3	0	5	128	116	37.50
Lon. Scot	4	1	1	2	47	48	37.50
Wasps	6	2	0	4	109	94	33.33
Harlequins	3	1	0	2	35	45	33.33
Coventry	8	2	0	6	98	154	25.00

MERIT TABLE B

L'pool St H	23	Bedford	15
London Welsh	23	Blackheath	10
Rosslyn Park	23	Northampton	16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ptge
Waterloo	7	7	0	0	164	68	100
L'pool St H	7	5	0	2	122	77	71.42
Richmond	10	7	0	3	165	169	70.00
N'thampton	6	4	0	2	125	72	66.67
Saracens	8	5	0	3	135	101	62.50
Lon. Welsh	7	4	0	3	92	95	57.14
Headingley	4	2	0	2	45	37	50.00
Rosslyn Pk	10	4	0	6	128	165	40.00
Gosforth	6	2	0	4	82	79	33.33
Bedford	8	2	0	6	83	105	25.00
Blackheath	6	1	0	5	52	140	16.67
Lon. Irish	9	1	0	8	67	150	11.11

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Quarter-final

Bristol	7	Leicester	17

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Ayr	9	Edinburgh Acads	6
Boroughmuir	18	Hawick	29
Gala	25	W of Scotland	7
Heriot's FP	34	Jed-Forest	0
Kelso	21	Stewart's Mel FP	17
Melrose	17	Glasgow Acads	6
Watsonians	35	Selkirk	15

CLUB MATCHES

Bath	30	Swansea	9
Birmingham	9	Exeter	26
Bridgend	37	Aberavon	24
Gosforth	20	W Hartlepool	4
Hull and ER	3	Roundhay	13
Llanelli	29	Moseley	18
Met Police	9	Stroud	6
Neath	4	Maesteg	19
Newbridge	54	Cheltenham	0
Newport	45	Pontypridd	6
Nottingham	25	Ebbw Vale	22
Orrell	25	Headingley	13
Pontypool	27	Cardiff	15
Richmond	6	Gloucester	23
Sheffield	28	Kendal	12
S Wales Police	43	Plymouth	3
Tredegar	4	Penarth	4
Vale of Lune	9	Durham City	9
Wakefield	10	Morley	10
Waterloo	17	Harlequins	9
Wrexham	30	Rugby	4

Cancelled: Preston Grasshoppers v Birmingham.

BASS MERIT TABLE: Exeter University 39, Tiverton 16.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Penzance-Newlyn 6, Hayle 13.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Okehampton 7, Devon and Cornwall Police 6.

AIB ULSTER SENIOR CUP: Quarter-finals: Ballymena 10, Instonians 3; Dungannon 31, Coleraine 7; Bangor 15, CIYMS 12; City of Derry 3, Ards 7.

DIGITAL SENIOR LEAGUE: First section: NIFC 21, Collegians 9. Second section: Portadown 26, Queen's University 27.

ULSTER: Club match: Malone 12, Academy 18.

EASTERN COUNTIES CUP: Semi-finals: Southend 9, North Walsham 3; Sudbury 18, Saffron Walden 8.

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Basingstoke 6, Salisbury 19; Marlow 4, Havant 16.

TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Sidcup 19, US Portsmouth 4; Thurrock 0, Streatham-Croydon 7.

EASTERN COUNTIES GIROBANK LEAGUE: Colchester 20, West Norfolk 17; Crusaders 0, Metropolitan Police (Chigwell) 9; Diss 12, Holt 25; Eton Manor 22, Bury St Edmunds 10; Norwich 15, Ipswich 16; Romford and Gidea Park 20, Lowestoft 6; Upminster 6, Chelmsford 7; Wymondham 4, Beccles 19.

HAMPSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Eastleigh 21, Alton 6.

HUNTING GATE HERTS MERIT TABLE: Bishop's Stortford 18, Hemel Hempstead 10; Fullerians 11, Cheshunt 15.

BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Canterbury 13, Tonbridge 0; Deal Wanderers 16, Linton 13; Folkestone 42, Sheppey 0; Thanet Wanderers 30, Gillingham Anchorians 12; Vigo 12, Cranbrook 11.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Ruislip 12, Mill Hill 9.

TRUMAN OLD BOYS MERIT TABLE: KCS Old Boys 36, Old Reedonians 6; Old Edwardians 13, Campion 28; Old Ruislipians 9, Old Paulines 9; Old Whitgiftians 20, Old Haberdashers' 8.

TOUR MATCH: Queen's College, Cambridge 0, Meiji University (Japan) 16.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Abingdon 44, Chipping Norton 0; Antlers 0, Farnham 12; Ashford (Kent) 25, Harlequins XV 7; Barking 56, Shirley Wanderers 7; Barnet 18, Old Westcliffians 4; Beaconsfield 10, Old Elizabethans (Barnet) 14; Betteshanger 17, Sidcup Extra 1st 10; Bexley 15, Edenbridge 0; Bournemouth 12, Wimborne 19; Brentwood 31, Canvey Island 10; Broadlands 0, Newmarket 56; Burgess Hill 14, Lewes II 6; Camberley 9, Brighton 0; Chichester 30, Rushmoor 8; Chiltern 9, Bedford Athletic 6; Chingford 10, Leighton Buzzard 10; Chobham 26, Bec Old Boys 10; Civil Service 3, Upper Clapton 28; Cranleigh 46, Pulborough 4; Crawley 4, Warlingham 21; Crowborough 0, Medway 27; Ealing 29, West London Inst 11; Eastbourne 9, Streatham-Croydon XV 18; Effingham 0, Old Freemen's 0; Feltham 9, Battersea Ironsides 24; Guildford and Godalming 37, Beckenham 0; Harringey 16, Billericay 0; Harpenden 40, Old Ignatians 13; Harrodians 26, Kingston 20; Henley 63, Pennanians 4; High Wycombe 15, Wasps Vandals 23; Hitchin 30, Datchworth 12; Ilford Wanderers 9, Wanstead 22; Isle of Wight 3, Swanage and Wareham 15; Leamington II 9, Buckingham 15; London New Zealand 12, Trojans 20; Merton 7, Reigate 0; New Ash Green 22, Greenwich 13; Old Beccehamians 22, Old Shootershillians 0; Old Brockleians 18, Park House 0; Old Cantabrigians 6, Peterborough 12; Old Colfeans 45, Lloyds Bank 4; Old Elmamans 0, Dartfordians 4; Old Emanuel 26, Old Millhillians 10; Old Dunstonians 3, Old Wimbledonians 7; Old Epsomians 12, Old Johnians 11; Old Gravesendians 3, Thames Sport 6; Old Griffins 34, Rochford Hundred 3; Old Guildfordians 24, Old Surbitonians 6; Old Isleworthians 0, Mitcham 19; Old Juccans 17, Sevenoaks 7; Old Meadonians 11, Old Walcountians 6; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 45, John Fisher Old Boys 3; Old Pelhamians 6, Old Bevonians 6; Old Reigatians 23, Old Hamptonians 16; Old Tiffinians 34, Windsor 9; Old Wandsworthians 14, Old Croydonians 6; Phoenix 4, Old Windsorians 6; Portsmouth 13, Gosport and Fareham 19; Purley 17, Westcombe Park 7; Oxford Marathon 25, Abbey 10; Redingensians 20, Oxford Old Boys 9; REME Arborfield 26, Aldermaston 4; St Albans 12, Milton Keynes 10; St Mary's Hospital 0, Old Merchant Taylors 28; Sittingbourne 49, STC Footscray 3; Slough 13, Centaurs 3; Snowdown CW 13, Dover 12; Sudbury Court 32, Old Tottonians 0; University Vandals 9, Twickenham 17; Uxbridge 19, Pinner 0; Wasps Wanderers 6, Lensbury 7; Welwyn 12, Harrow 3; Wembley 14, Old Kingsburians 26; Wheatley 4, Drifters 6; Worthing 30, Dorking 7.

SHROPSHIRE CUP: First round: Bridgnorth 13, Market Drayton 4.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Dixonians 3, Hereford 16.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Barker's Butts 17, Wigston 0; Towcestrians 18, Banbury 12.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Erdington 6, Handsworth 17.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Burton 0, Berry Hill 40; Chesterfield 13, Sutton Coldfield 12; Derby 51, Lincoln 6; Droitwich 13, Camp Hill 19; Kenilworth 9, Matson 29; Kidderminster Carolians 23, Dudley Kingswinford 16; King's Norton 6, Evesham 12; Ludlow 47, Aston OE 4; Lutterworth 20, Long Eaton 20; Newport (Salop) 11, Warley 3; Nuneaton OE 13, Loughborough 0; Old Coventrians 9, Old Leamingtonians 9; Old Newtonians 4, Old Bosworthians 24; Old Silhillians 11, Old Saltleians 10; Old Wheatleyans 9, South Leicester 0; Sheffield Tigers 28, Stoneygate 12; Stamford 19, Moderns 6; Stourbridge 30, Bridgwater and Albion 4; Stratford 8, Reading 36; Telford 6, Keresley 6; Vipers 7, Syston 7; Walsall 13, Taunton 28; Westleigh 33, Stockwood Park 11; Worcester 7, Stoke 9.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Davenport 15, Wirral 4; Widnes 19, West Park 17; Wigan 6, Wigton 27. Second division: Caldy 16, Workington 9.

NORTH: Club matches: Barnsley 18, Bridlington 4; Beverley 19, Acklam 3; Blackburn 10, Sedgley Park 9; Bramley 16, Old Crossleyans 3; Chester 19, Southport 3; Chesterfield 13, Sutton Coldfield 12; De La Salle 18, Leigh 6; Driffield 13, Doncaster 6; Eccles 22, Bowdon 12; Grimsby 18, Wath-on-Dearne 0; Heaton Moor 3, Bradford and Bingley 61; Hemsworth 26, Ilkley 6; Hessle 52, BP Chemicals 13; Hullensians 15, Hull University 10; Keighley 20, Alnwick 13; Leodiensians 10, Airebronians 9; Littleborough 6, Sandbach 17; Marist 3, Stockton 24; Old Brodleians 24, Wheatley Hills 15; Old Hymerians 28, Ionians 3; Old Modernians 28, Moortown 3; Old Otliensians 15, Baildon 7; Pocklington 0, West Park Bramhope 6; Pontefract 56, Cleckheaton 0; Rotherham 6, Sandal 6; Roundhegians 15, Castleford 6; Selby 12, Scunthorpe 12; Sheffield Tigers 11, Stoneygate 0; Skipton 12, Bradford Salem 32; Thornensians 23, Ripon 0; Winnington Park 30, Rochdale 6; Yarnbury 20, Wetherby 0.

WEST: Club matches: Avon and Somerset Police 41, Exmouth 12; Bideford 3, Torquay 4; Brixham 48, Sidmouth 12; Launceston 6, Bristol 43; Newquay 12, Barnstaple 29; Teignmouth 26, Wiveliscombe 10; Walsall 15, Taunton 28; Weston-super-Mare 12, Solihull 6.

Yesterday

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B

Gosforth	6	Saracens	23

CLUB MATCHES

Waterloo	34	Fylde	12

LANCASHIRE CUP: Quarter-final: Orrell 41, Littleborough 4.

GOLF

Frost and Stewart strike sparks to burn white hot

From John Ballantine, Orlando, Florida

Payne Stewart and David Frost turned Saturday's third round in the Hertz Bay Hill tournament into something like matchplay, striking sparks off each other as they forged ahead. They ended as the leader and runner-up at 54-hole totals of 199 and 200 respectively (14 and 13 under par) after wonderful rounds of 63 and 65.

Curtis Strange and Dan Pohl finished six strokes behind Stewart. A formidable trio of champions, Bernhard Langer, Raymond Floyd and Tommy Nakajima, were next at eight under, along with Denis Watson, of South Africa, all too far back to win unless the leaders both collapsed on the final round.

Stewart has not won since 1983 and it is becoming something of an emotional issue with him. He finished second to Sandy Lyle in the 1985 Open at *Sandwich and his reputation* over here is that of "always the best man and never the bridegroom". He has lost three times in play-offs in the last four seasons and this year finished second at Pebble Beach and in the Honda Classic with Langer, behind Mark Calcavecchia.

Frost, the 1986 South African Open champion, now living in *Dallas, has not won here since* 1984, but he has made steady progress. He won £120,476 last year, losing a play-off to Tom Kite in the Western Open.

Frost recalled that the great Bobby Locke, who has just died, told him never to look at the leader board, but just to go ahead and play the best he could. "I try to do that, but it's very difficult," he said.

Langer challenged but could not equal the leaders' fierce pace while Ken Brown nearly had his best round ever in the United States before hitting an over-ambitious three iron into the lake and dropping two shots at *the 18th with a six.*

Before that the improving Scot had gone out in 34 with four short putts. He birdied his first three holes, and went to five under par. A par finish *would have given him a card of* 66.

But his pitch at the 13th spun off into the lake and he missed the green at the 14th, three shots lost before the disaster at the *last. Lyle also drove and putted* well for 69 while Philip Parkin's 74 was a good effort considering his nine at the long sixth, where he was twice in water.

LEADING SCORES (US unless stated): 199: P Stewart, 69, 67, 63; 200: D Frost (SA), 67, 68, 65. 205: C Strange, 71, 66, 68; D Pohl 70, 70, 65. 208: B Langer (WG), 69, 70, 69. T Nakajima (Japan), 70, 70, 68; D Watson (SA), 71, 69, 68. R Floyd, 69, 68, 71. 210: T Watson, 71, 70, 69. L Mize, 69, 69, 72. S Simpson, 71, 69, 70. C Beck, 72, 66, 72; M McCumber, 74, 66, 70. British scores: 211: A Lyle, 71, 71, 69; 212: K Brown, 73, 69, 70; 220: P Parkin, 71, 75, 74. Failed to qualify: 156: N Faldo 79, 77.

George putts out of the wilderness

By Mitchell Platts

Freddy George emerged from the wilderness on Saturday when he won the Berkhamsted Trophy for the second time in *three attempts.*

George revealed a renewed sense of purpose with his rounds of 72 and 69 for a one under par aggregate of 141, which gave him a four shot victory from Steven Bottomley (71 and 74).

The 21-year-old from Beaconsfield had spent the previous week practising with the England team in Spain, even though *his disappointing form last year* meant that inevitably he would be excluded from the match against Spain in May.

What George will hope now is that victory at Berkhamsted begins a more rewarding season and one in which he returns to the international scene in the European championships and the home internationals.

Five years ago George's precocious talent put him alongside Peter Baker as the young players most likely to break through. But he has failed to make significant progress *whereas Baker followed his* elevation to the Walker Cup team by making a successful switch to the professional ranks last summer. George insists that he will remain an amateur for another two seasons, from which it can be assumed that his ambitions include attempting to make the Great Britain and Ireland team for the Walker Cup in 1989.

To do so he will need to improve his performances in the more important amateur events. The signs are good if the *Berkhamsted Trophy* can be taken as a guide because George became only the third player in the history of the event to better par over the 36 holes.

In truth the weather has rarely been as perfect for the trophy as it was on Saturday when the skies remained clear and there was only a suggestion of a breeze. George, however, still *played with great authority from* tee to green.

On the greens, George, employing a new putter, could not be faulted. He holed two nice putts for birdies in the morning but it was in the afternoon that he came into his own as he sank three efforts of between 15 and 25 feet. Then on his last hole came a fitting *coup de grâce* as he rolled in a putt of fully 70 feet.

Bottomley feels he has something to prove after being omitted from the England team but he could not maintain his *momentum following a 71 in* the morning which had given him the lead.

FINAL SCORES: 141: F George (Beaconsfield), 72, 69; 145: S Bottomley (Shipley), 71, 74; 146: A Rogers (Ealing), 75, 71; R Latham (Porters Park), 74, 72; 147: J Ambridge (West Herts), 74, 73; M Jarvis (Ifield), 73, 74; J Robinson (Woodhall Spa), 75, 72; 148: S Hamer (North Manchester), 75, 73; P McEvoy (Copt Heath), 72, 76; J Cowgill (Royal mid-Surrey), 74, 74; R Wilkson (Ealing), 76, 72; A Brewer (Denham), 72, 76.

Meacher's medal

By Patricia Davies

David Meacher is now the proud possessor of a silver medal from the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society. It tells him that he is, for this year at least, *"primus inter pares"*, having beaten Paul Vickers two and one in the final of the President's Putter at Rye on Saturday.

The Society's translation of *primus inter pares* is, traditionally, "he was lucky to win". Meacher, the 23-year-old secretary of this year's Cambridge side, was not. He played the *better golf — though it must be* said the fine weather was not matched by the strokeplay — and was four up on Vickers, a former Oxford captain, at the turn. Meacher then proceeded to secure the match in the most cruel fashion over the next three holes.

At the 10th, Vickers was just short of the green in two; Meacher was to the right of the green in a tangle of charred gorse and had to take a penalty drop before getting up and down in two, for a half in five. At the 11th, Vickers holed from 30 feet for a birdie three; Meacher followed him in from 27 feet to stay four up.

At the 12th, another par four, Vickers was on in two; Meacher, 20 yards to the right of the green, sank his sand wedge for a birdie three. Five up — and that was essentially that, although Meacher did lose three of the next four holes to give his father Michael — the Labour Party's *front bench spokesman* and part-time caddie — more palpitations than a Shadow Cabinet reshuffle.

At the 17th he was put out of his misery when the required half was achieved, the players shook hands and the referee surreptitiously slipped the medal to young Meacher.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: D Meacher bt W Barclay, 2 and 1, P Vickers bt I Armitage, 2 and 1. Final: Meacher bt Vickers, 2 and 1.

BOXING

Laing goes beetling after the big money

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Another Mickey Duff boxer, Kirkland Laing, could be chasing big money before the year is out. Laing, of Nottingham, who won the British welterweight title by stopping Sylvester Mittee, of Hackney, on Saturday, could be in the world rankings before long and challenging Mark Breland, of United States, the World Boxing Association champion, or Lloyd Honeyghan, the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation champion.

Though 32 years old, Laing is still mentally alert enough to pose problems for the two champions, thanks to his hit-and-run style. Only two men stand in his way to the world rankings: Rocky Kelly, of Acton, the official challenger for the British title, and José Varella, of Germany, the European champion, and neither *should* worry Laing.

It would not be surprising to see Laing in the world's top 10 after his defence against Kelly. For as Laing's chief second, who looks after him when Duff is in the United States, said: "Laing's win over Roberto Duran still means something."

If Laing were to reach the ratings Duff, who also manages Honeyghan, would be faced with the not unpleasant problem of how really to cash in.

Since Breland is the star and the draw, and the big money comes from American television, who want an American involvement in a title bout, whom should Duff put in first against the brilliant American? Honeyghan or Laing? The unification bout between Honeyghan and Breland is the big one. What if Laing went in first and beat Breland?

Against Mittee, Laing was not as sharp as he can be, as when he boxed Colin Jones in 1980 and 1981, winning every round till the Jones left hook landed in the ninth round both times.

For four rounds on Saturday Laing whizzed round the ring, hands down, back-paddling like a demented water beetle; and, heedless of even more demented punters' cries to beetle off, he caught Mittee high on the head in the fourth round and began to *get on top.*

A similar right in the next round sent Mittee cowering against the ropes and the referee, Adrian Morgan, stepped in.

RESULTS: British welterweight championship: Kirkland Laing (Nottingham) bt Sylvester Mittee (Hackney), 5th. Southern Area light-welter championship (10 rounds): Chris Blake (Croydon) bt Lenny Gloster (Peterborough), pts. Super-feather (6 rounds): Floyd Havard (Merthyr Tydfil) bt Nigel Senior (Nottingham), 5th. Light-heavy: Byron Pullen (Pontypool) bt Kevin McGrath (Camberley), 5th. Cruiser: Sam Reeson (Battersea) bt Roy Sanford (US), pts.

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RACING: BEAUMONT'S EXCITING CHASER TOPS THE BILL AT AYR

Conditions perfect on eve of Festival

Perfect conditions – at the moment. That's the up-to-date report from Cheltenham's general manager, Edward Gillespie, for the eagerly awaited three-day Festival, which starts tomorrow.

Gillespie, out on the course yesterday, reported: "The going is good. We had a shower on Saturday *evening* and more showers are forecast for Monday in the area.

"The course is *in tip-top* condition with a good covering of grass. Quite a few of the Irish horses have already arrived."

Among the *home-based* trainers paying an eve-of-Cheltenham visit will be Sally Oliver, who intends walking the course this morning before deciding which race Aonoch, third favourite for tomorrow's Champion Hurdle, will contest.

Aonoch is also declared for the Waterford Crystal Stayers' *Hurdle 35 minutes later.*

Progressive J-J-Henry can extend winning sequence

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that scintillating win at Doncaster a fortnight ago, *J-J-Henry* is an *justifiable nap to win the* Arthur Challenge Cup at Ayr today, and thus record his seventh win of the season.

While some might have been tempted to have a crack at the Sun Alliance Chase, at Cheltenham *on Wednesday*, with this former point-to-pointer who has gone from strength to strength, Peter Beaumont is quite *content* to keep a lower profile for the time being, letting his horse gain in confidence.

That policy has already borne fruit and I believe that it will continue to do so if he picks his way as shrewdly as this.

Following a well deserved mid-winter rest after that busy autumn campaign, *J-J-Henry* can only have enjoyed his return to active service when winning the Nottingham Champion Novices' Chase in January.

He then enjoyed another win at Uttoxeter against humbler fry followed by the exhilarating ride which he gave Anthea Beaumont at Doncaster two weeks ago. *On* that occasion, he jumped rings around Primrose Wood, Duncombe Prince, Brother Geoffrey and Fergy *Foster to win more or less as he* pleased.

J-J-Henry looked a picture of health and fitness in the paddock before that race and that vitality was all too apparent in the contest itself. Providing that *he has not gone off the boil*, he looks a good bet to lead his five rivals a merry dance again today.

Blackfeet, who heads the handicap, is trained locally by John Wilson and he is certainly a capable performer. *On the* other hand, all his best form has been over distances shorter than this.

In contrast, Royal Jet, who finished behind Blackfeet over two miles on his last appearance on the course, should be suited by a return to the 2½-mile distance over which he beat Centre Attraction by six lengths in January. While a repetition of that performance would definitely *put him in today's* race with a big chance, I still much prefer the up-and-coming J-J-Henry.

The first division of the *Slaphouse* Novices' *Hurdle* looks ripe for **Meritmoore**, the decisive winner of his last race at *Kelso*, *while the second* division ought to be won by **Pat's Jester** (3.00), who has won one of his five races over hurdles *and been placed in the other* four.

At Southwell, I like the chance of **Man O'Magic** even though *he has top weight in the Holsten* Pils Handicap Hurdle.

- **Whistling Thorn** can take advantage of the 8lb overweight which John *Greenall will* be putting up on Water Wagtail in the Ayrshire Hunters Challenge Cup today (Brian Beel writes). At Southwell, in the EBF Foss Way Hunter-Chase, **Shrewd Operator** should increase his winning sequence to three.

Bob Farley, an authority on body movement, checks the pulse of Bryan McMahon's Triumph Hurdle hope, Cashew King

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Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Meritmoore.
2.30 Handy Trick.
3.00 Pat's Jester.
3.30 Harley.
4.00 Water Wagtail.
4.30 *J-J-HENRY* (nap).
5.00 Hi Wallie.

By Michael Seely

2.0 MERITMOORE (nap). 4.0 Bless'em All. 4.30 J-J-Henry.

Going: good to soft (back straight); good (remainder)

2.0 SLAPHOUSE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (10 runners)

1 000PP0 THE FIXER 24 (S) (I Ross) J Mooney 6-11-8 J Mooney —
4 04-0000 KING HARRY 31 (BF) (R Anderson) R Goldie 6-11-2 B Storey 94
5 0 MARLEFIELD 38 (W Wilson) K Oliver 5-11-2 J K Kinane 91
6 00 MOULKINS 16 (Tarleton Box Co Ltd) J Wilson 5-11-2 N Doughty —
7 00000 OAKGROVE 23 (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 5-11-2 D Nolan —
11 31 MERITMOORE 17 (D,S) (G Borek) G Moore 4-11-0 M Hammond ● 99
17 21304 BALNERINO 70 (D,F) (D Nimmo) Denys Smith 4-10-9 C Grant 98
19 000 DORADE 9 (B) (H Doubtfire) J Parkes 4-10-8 P Niven —
20 PB0004 NEXT DANCE 19 (Mrs E Hewitson) J S Wilson 4-10-8 — 97
22 0 FLYING FINN 9 (J H Johnson) J H Johnson 4-10-3 P Goswell —

BETTING: 9-4 Meritmoore, 7-2 Balnerino, 9-2 King Harry, 6-1 Marlefield, 8-1 Moulkins, 10-1 Next Dance, 12-1 Flying Finn, 20-1 others

1986: SCOTTISH SIMBIR 6-11-2 N Doughty (25-1) W Crawford 18 ran

FORM THE FIXER (10-9) 14th, lost touch after 6th, beaten 42½l to Greed (10-7) at Edinburgh (2m 4f, £1191, good to firm, Feb 20, 14 ran). MARLEFIELD (11-0) 6th, can improve from his only outing when beaten 13l to Tartan Torchlight (11-0) at Kelso (2m, £1207, good, Feb 6, 13 ran). MERITMOORE (10-12) took it up landing over the last to win 2½l from Bushido (10-12) at Kelso (2m, £685, good to soft, Feb 27, 14 ran). NEXT DANCE (10-8) 4th, finished with promise, beaten 6½l to Sagax (11-4) at Catterick (2m, £685, good to firm, Feb 25, 15 ran).
Selection: NEXT DANCE

2.30 HOLLYBRUSH NOVICE CHASE (£1,555: 110yd) (6 runners)

2 01-0034 BIT OF ORDER 101 (S) (S Marsh) R Fisher 6-11-3 M Meagher 83
4 U33242 HANDY TRICK 31 (BF) (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 6-11-3 R Lamb ● 99
5 F0F230/ OLLETSOC 713 (B Harland) F Watson 8-11-3 C Grant —
7 0/003-00 TELEGRAPH BUSH 20 (G Renilson) G Renilson 10-11-3 — 87
8 402-F0F DARRINGTON DEAL 12 (D Scott) C Parker 6-10-12 K Doolan —
9 00-0000 DIZZY DORA 17 (J Lane) Miss Z Green 7-10-12 J O'Gorman (7) —

BETTING: 4-7 Handy Trick, 3-1 Bit of Order, 8-1 Dizzy Dora, 10-1 Telegraph Bush, 16-1 others

1986: MISS RUBBISH 8-11-10 T Dun (5-1) J Brockbank 8 ran

FORM HANDY TRICK (10-10) 2nd, never any better than second, beaten 20l to Keldlands (10-4) at Sedgefield (3m 600yd, £1250, good to soft, Feb 13, 15 ran). DIZZY DORA (10-0) beaten out of sight by Earls Brig (11-5) at Kelso (3m 4f, £4765, good to soft, Feb 27, 10 ran). BIT OF ORDER (11-1) 4th beaten 10l and a distance by Prince Metternich at Southwell (3m 110yd, £1,007, good to soft, Dec 5, 12 ran). DARRINGTON DEAL has fallen in two of her three starts. A well beaten 5th (10-7) behind Prince Zeus (10-10) at Catterick (3m 300yd, £1,103, firm, Nov 6, 8 ran).
Selection: HANDY TRICK

3.0 SLAPHOUSE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (12 runners)

5 320302 CRACK-A-JIM 26 (D Cliff) Miss Z Green 5-11-2 J O'Gorman (7) 93
6 F CRASH MARKET 87 (Mrs M McGuinness) R Fisher 5-11-2 M Meagher —
9 0- LONGFORD PASS 469 (J Price) K Oliver 7-11-2 J K Kinane —
10 00-0000 PADDY HAYTON 31 (Mrs B Ward) S Leadbetter 5-11-2 J Hansen 84
13 2/ WAYSIDE INN 1290 (Mrs A Harker) B Wilkinson 8-11-2 G Harker 96
14 WREKIN MELODY (G Childs) F Watson 6-11-2 C Grant —
15 31222 PAT'S JESTER 77 (CD,BF,S) (R P Adam Ltd) R Allan 4-11-0 N Doughty ● 99
16 1000 WAVE GOODBYE 9 (D,S) (J Hickie) H Wharton 4-11-0 S Youlden 86
17 000 BELLANOORA 17 (J Thom) J Thom 5-10-11 P Niven —
18 0-0P0 MISS LAKELAND 3 (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 6-10-11 NON-RUNNER —
19 000C00 ALL A DREAM 17 (B) (F Barlow) J Parkes 4-10-8 P A Farrell (4) 76
22 FRENCH DESIGN (W Dickie) J S Wilson 4-10-3 Mr D Mactaggart (4) —

BETTING: 5-4 Pat's Jest, 4-1 Crack-A-Jim, 6-1 Wayside Inn, 8-1 Wave Goodbye, 10-1 Paddy Hayton, 12-1 French Design, Crash Market, 20-1 others

1986: IMPECUNIOSITY 4-11-0 S Charlton (7-4 fav) J S Wilson 12 ran

FORM CRACK-A-JIM (10-7) 2nd, just failed to hold on beaten head to Surpass (11-5) at Sedgefield (2m, £1137, good to soft, Feb 24, 10 ran). PAT'S JESTER (11-2) 2nd, could never get on terms with the useful Dhoni (10-10) beaten 4l at Newcastle (2m, £937, good to soft, Dec 29, 12 ran). PADDY HAYTON (11-5) never up with the leaders when 8th beaten 32½l by Lacidar (11-8) at this course (2m 4f, £715, good to soft, Feb 13, 24 ran). CRASH MARKET (10-12) fell when beaten on this course by Mister Point (11-4) (2m £685, heavy, Dec 19, 9 ran).
Selection: CRACK-A-JIM

3.30 ROSEMOUNT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,324: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

3 310340 SECRET FINALE 20 (D,F,G,S) (Regent Decorators Ltd) J H Johnson 8-11-7 R Marley (7) ● 99
6 032000 ACERCATE 10 (V,G) (D Noel) P Charlton 6-11-4 K Cotter (7) 92
7 10432-0 MAGWOOD 12 (C,S) (Mrs E Borthwick) C Parker 7-11-4 K Doolan 88
10 00P-000 OCEANUS 79 (F,G) (R Mitchell) Denys Smith 6-10-13 C Grant —
11 F4-0311 GRUNDY'S PET 31 (G,S) (J Carr) G Moore 5-10-12 M Hammond 90
12 300032 HARLEY 3 (G) (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 7-10-10 C Dennis (7) 98
13 131P3P RAISABILLION 21 (D,F) (Mrs S Blane) J Wilson 5-10-8 A Murphy (7) 97
18 00/PP0P LIGHT TRAVELLER 79 (F,S) (Miss E Curtis) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-1 P Niven —
21 00F0 ILLUMINATOR 31 (E Armytage) M H Easterby 4-10-0 L Wyer 80
22 0000-40 NEW KINGSGROVE 24 (D,G) (R Atkins) J Mooney 8-10-0 J Mooney 87

BETTING: 5-2 Grundy's Pet, 7-2 Harley, 9-2 Raisabillion, 11-2 Secret Finale, 8-1 Oceanus, 10-1 Magwood, 12-1 Acercate, 20-1 others

1986: THORBELL ARCH 7-10-5 C Hawkins (8-1) R Gray 12 ran

FORM GRUNDY'S PET (10-1) quickened up to win well 2l from Smart Jack (10-11) at Sedgefield (3m, £1320, good to soft, Feb 13, 14 ran). ILLUMINATOR may improve on last run when (10-7) 7th to Tancred Sand (11-0) at Sedgefield (2m, £617, good to soft, Feb 13, 18 ran). HARLEY (9-7) 3rd, beaten 9½l, behind Down Flight (9-9) at Haydock, with ACERCATE (10-0) 8th (2m 4f, £1,940, soft, Mar 6, 13 ran). NEW KINGSGROVE (10-8) 8th behind Smart Jack (10-11) at Edinburgh (3m, £686, good to firm, Feb 20 10 ran). RAISABILLION has shown better form in the earlier part of the season than on his last appearance when pulled up at Wolverhampton (10-10) before three out in the race won by Mr Rex (10-5). (2m 6f, £1,559, good, 20 ran). This was his first run since November so he may improve. SECRET FINALE has shown better form this season than his last run when 19¼l 6th to Harbour Bazaar at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £1,417, good to soft, 18 ran).
Selection: GRUNDY'S PET

4.0 AYRSHIRE NOVICE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £756: 3m 110yd) (8 runners)

2 0- BLESS'EM ALL 367 (A Lewis) A Lewis 8-11-10 R Tate (7) 77
3 0 BLEW'S HEIR 20 (Miss E Davidson) J Haldane 11-11-10 I Stark —
5 F22203/ GUNSMITH 1024 (R Dixon) R Dixon 14-11-10 T Morrison (7) —
9 0P- SECRET BRAE 324 (Mrs B Barclay) H Barclay 7-11-10 G Robinson (7) —
10 0-0FFF4 WATER WAGTAIL 13 (J Greenall) W A Stephenson 6-11-10 J Greenhall (7) ● 99
11 WHISTLING THORN (Miss A Vaughan) Miss A Vaughan 8-11-10 K Anderson —
13 24240/4 LILLIES BRIG 30 (C Alexander) C Alexander 9-11-5 D Mactaggart (7) 82
14 00/223- NIJANNA 350 (T Dalgetty) T Dalgetty 6-11-5 P Craggs —

BETTING: 6-4 Water Wagtail, 9-4 Nijanjna, 7-2 Gunsmith, 10-1 Lillies Brig, 12-1 Secret Brae, 16-1 others

1986: OLIVE PRESS 9-10-12 D Mactaggart (3-1) A MacTaggart 9 ran

FORM BLESS'EM ALL (12-0) 6th, 13½l to Spider's Well (11-0) at Fakenham (2m 5f, £1279, good, Mar 14, 17 ran). WATER WAGTAIL (12-0) 4th beaten 11¾l to Greenwood Lad (11-7) at Nottingham (3m, £680, good, Mar 3, 7 ran). NIJANNA (11-3) 3rd, lacked pace close home, beaten 9l to The Black Sack (12-0) at Carlisle (2m 1f, £1180, heavy, Mar 31, 19 ran). LILLIES BRIG (11-2) beaten 23½l by Earls Brig on this course (3m 110yd, £1,213, good to soft, Feb 14, 8 ran). BLEW'S HEIR (11-13) was a well-beaten 7th behind Bronze Head at Sedgfield (3m 600yd, £901, good to soft, 8 ran).
Selection: WATER WAGTAIL

4.30 ARTHUR CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,286: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 2-1312F BLACKFEET 24 (CD,F,G,S) (J Mathieson) J S Wilson 8-12-6 T G Dun ● 99
3 112111 J-J-HENRY 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Knowles) P Beaumont 8-12-1 (4ex) Miss A Beaumont (7) 98
7 24123-4 POLARS LADDIE 30 (CD,F,G,S) (R Goldie) R Goldie 14-10-10 M Meagher 94
9 320F13 ROYAL JET 30 (CD,F,G,S) (G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 10-10-7 B Storey 96
11 123-1FF SHOOLER PRINCE 31 (CD,BF,G,S) (F Watson) F Watson 10-10-0 C Grant 90
14 4-40430 WARDSOFF 23 (S) (R Thorburn) T Cuthbert 10-10-0 — 72

BETTING: 11-10 J-J-Henry, 9-4 Polars Laddie, 4-1 Royal Jet, 6-1 Blackfeet, 12-1 others

1986: POLARS LADDIE 13-10-2 B Storey (8-1) R Goldie 8 ran

FORM BLACKFEET latest fell 11th when in 3rd place, race won by Somerled, earlier (11-10) 2nd beaten 1½l to Aitten Glazed (10-0) with ROYAL JET (10-0) 3rd beaten 7½l and POLARS LADDIE (10-0) 4th beaten 8l on this course (2m, £2364, good to soft, Feb 14, 8 ran). J-J-HENRY has won six of his eight races this season, most recently when easily beating (10-11) beating Primrose Wood (10-13) 20l at Doncaster (2m 4f, £2,653, good to soft, Mar 2, 7 ran).
Selection: J-J-HENRY

5.0 GRUNWICK NH FLAT RACE (£753: 2m) (14 runners)

1 41 HI WALLIE 17 (S) D (Mrs V Scott Watson) Miss M Bell 5-12-1 Mr M Thompson —
6 CHILLI SAUCE (A Thomson) D Thomson 5-11-8 Mr D Mactaggart —
8 00 LOTHIAN ADMIRAL 17 (Lt-Cdr W Crawford) W Crawford 5-11-8 C Dennis (7) —
9 MADJDEC (D Scott) C Tinkler 5-11-8 R Fahey (7) —
12 RESKIA (W Young) W Young 5-11-3 Mr K Anderson (7) —
13 0 BOY PAINTER 70 (Regent Decorators Ltd) J H Johnson 4-11-0 P Goswell (7) —
15 4 COME-N-JOINUS 70 (BF) (C Galloway) P Charlton 4-11-0 K Cotter (7) —
16 0 FELL MIST 3 (D MacDonald) D MacDonald 4-11-0 L O'Hara (7) —
17 INDIAN STORM (J Smith) J S Wilson 4-11-0 Mr M Smith (7) —
18 3 RED RUDDEL 24 (J Hanson) W A Stephenson 4-11-0 Mr P Johnson (7) —
21 2 THREEPLAND 24 (A MacDonald) R Fisher 4-11-0 J O'Gorman (7) —
22 0 ARCTIC RYMES 19 (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-9 — —
23 00 DEEP DESIRE 3 (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 4-10-9 Miss L Eaton (7) —
24 0 WIZARD OF WAS 24 (J Barrett) J Berry 4-10-9 Sharron James —

BETTING: 11-4 Hi Wallie, 7-2 Come-N-Joinus, 4-1 Red Ruddel, 9-2 Threepland, 6-1 Madjdec, 10-1 Deep Desire, 16-1 others

1986: THE DEMON BARBER 4-10-7 C Dennis (3-1 fav) G Richards 24 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
M H Easterby	23	103	22.3	R Lamb	28	140	20.0
W A Stephenson	30	176	17.0	N Doughty	31	162	19.1
Denys Smith	16	109	14.7	M Meagher	7	38	18.4
R Fisher	20	153	13.1	T G Dun	25	157	15.9
J S Wilson	14	145	9.7	C Grant	25	190	13.2
R Allan	5	53	7.9				

Only Qualifiers

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Kadelian.
2.45 Topkapi.
3.15 Shrewd Operator.
3.45 Man O'Magic.
4.15 Smart Tar.
4.45 Skegby.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 SKEGBY.

Going: soft with heavy patches (chase course); good with soft patches (hurdles)

2.15 EGMANTON NOVICE HURDLE (£1,035: 2m) (16 runners)

2 004-04 BASRULLAH 16 (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 6-11-6 R Stronge 85
3 00 BELL DIP 109 (P Holmes) J Webber 6-11-6 G Mernagh —
5 00- BOW HANDY MAN 303 (Mrs J Houghton) J Redfern 5-11-6 S Keightley —
6 02 CELTIC BARD 30 (T Bill) T Bill 5-11-6 R Crank 87
9 P FINBARR 78 (Mrs J Painting) N Painting 5-11-6 S Lovejoy (7) —
11 00 GALLOPING CLAUDE 40 (Mrs P Fanning) R Champion 5-11-6 M Richards —
12 000 KING SEAR 86 (Mrs Y Allsop) R Dickin 5-11-6 C Jones —
13 0P00-43 LAWLEY 11 (F Davies) B Preece 5-11-6 P Millar (7) 82
15 0-PP00 SEAL COURT 46 (Mrs M Giles) J Scallan 5-11-6 M Furlong —
19 000-00 VULNERABLE 21 (Mrs S Freeman) M C Chapman 5-11-6 S Mitchell (7) 83
20 3 DORIMAY 19 (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 5-11-1 J R Quinn (7) —
22 02/00U3- KADELIAN 359 (V King) D Burchell 8-11-1 D J Burchell (7) ● 99
26 NIGHT HUNTER (W Hogg) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-1 NON-RUNNER —
29 10U0 TUNKIN 111 (F) (R Porter) J Scallan 5-11-1 M Furlong —
30 00 PALMERSTON BOY 21 (Palmerston Business Centre) A Moore 4-10-12 G Moore —
32 4FP000 RICKESTON LAD 12 (J Knowles) B Palling 4-10-12 C Evans (4) —

BETTING: 3-1 Kadelian, 4-1 Celtic Bard, 5-1 Dorimay, 6-1 Lawley, 8-1 Basrullah, 10-1 Vulnerable, 12-1 Galloping Claude, 14-1 others.

1986: Div I: MR QUICK 7-11-5 S O'Neill (7-2) W Wharton 14 ran
Div II: AL-ALAM 4-10-12 M Dwyer (9-4) Jimmy Fitzgerald 16 ran

2.45 KERSALL SELLING HURDLE (£947: 2m) (17 runners)

1 4F-3000 WARRIOR UNCLE 37 (D,F) (Mrs E Robinson) D Robinson 5-12-0 Mr D Robinson —
3 00000F SUSSEX OVERSEAS 4 (P Hiatt) P Hiatt 5-11-10 W MacFarland (7) —
4 PP TOUCH LUCKY 9 (North Cheshire Trading Ltd) T Fairhurst 5-11-10 C Fairhurst —
5 P RENDSLEY BOUDICA 30 (G Barnett) G Barnett 5-11-5 S Davies (7) —
7 180P10 TYRANNISE 13 (CD,F,S) (D Ball) B McMahon 4-10-11 T Wall 95
8 P BARRACUDA BAY 17 (Mrs C Morse) D Ringer 4-10-9 — —
14 000000 ROCKALL 28 (I Man) A Moore 4-10-9 G Moore 80
15 0P2P0 SAXELBYE PARK 25 (V) (J David Abell) P Felgate 4-10-9 S Johnson 70
17 800 SONNY HILL LAD 12 (Miss W Leighton) A Leighton 4-10-9 C Smith —
18 0002 ST NICK 25 (Mrs P Haigh) J Balding 4-10-9 G Landau (4) 89
21 TAUFAST 25 (J Norton) J Norton 4-10-9 J R Quinn (7) —
22 PP0 TOPKAPI 13 (C Cheeseman) C Holmes 4-10-9 — ● 99
24 0P CHARDONNAY 49 (B Wiseman) I Campbell 4-10-4 R Campbell —
25 00P4 CITY LINK COURIER 25 (D Hogg) R Hartop 4-10-4 R Crank —
27 00 JUBILEE JAMBOREE 27 (R Steward) J Scallan 4-10-4 M Furlong —
28 0P LITTLE TOKEN 18 (Mrs D Gleeson) J Pearce 4-10-4 J McLaughlin —
32 0032P3 SOLENT BREEZE 24 (V) (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 4-10-4 S Moore 82

BETTING: 9-4 Topkapi, 3-1 St Nick, 4-1 Tyrannise, 6-1 Saxelbye Park, 8-1 Solent Breeze, 12-1 Warrior Uncle, 14-1 others.

1986: HIDEEDEEBOO 4-10-13 M Hammond (4-1) G Moore 11 ran

3.15 EBF FOSSE WAY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,272: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

2 00P-211 SHREWD OPERATOR 7 (F,G,S) (J Upson) T Casey 10-12-2 T Thomson Jones ● 99
7 30 HESHOULD 137 (Mrs N Tucker Brown) Mrs N Tucker Brown 9-11-10 R Bellamy (7) 70
8 5733P/1 HOW I WONDER 7 (S) (J Wrathall) J Wrathall 12-11-10 C Beatby (4) 97
11 1-03 NEEDWOOD NOMAD 7 (F) (Mrs J Railton) Mrs J Railton 9-11-10 J Railton (7) 95
14 F01-0PP SHACKIN BRIG 17 (B,G) (Mrs C Gisborne) Mrs C Gisborne 10-11-10 S Rigley (7) 80
16 464-00R ALABAMA 17 (CD,S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 8-11-5 R Morris (7) 80

BETTING: 4-5 Shrewd Operator, 7-4 How I Wonder, 8-1 Needwood Nomad, 12-1 Heshould, 16-1 Shackin Brig, 20-1 Alabama.

1986: RUGY 10-11-9 J Wrathall (7-4 jt-fav) R Weaving 8 ran

3.45 HOLSTEN PILS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,234: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

3 103002 MAN O'MAGIC 35 (B,F,G,S) (J Greig) K Bailey 6-11-7 P Croucher 95
6 4-12300 GOOD AFTERNOON 13 (S) (Redd & Mackay Travel) M Robinson 7-11-1 J Duggan 98
7 210043 CRUDEN BAY 25 (C,G,S) (P Bradley) P Felgate 7-10-13 S Johnson 97
8 0-00000 DIENAU'S TROVE 10 (F,G,S) (B Collinson) H Collingridge 6-10-13 P Dennis (4) —
11 0130 MAUNDY BOY 39 (S) (M Roberts) Mrs I McKie 6-10-10 M Bosley (4) 88
13 04/0013 BROWN RIFLE 12 (CD,S) (R Forsyth) D Burchell 7-10-7 (5ex) D J Burchell (7) ● 99
14 1/F-0000 MILITARY BAND 15 (D,G) (Miss N Davenport) Miss N Davenport 9-10-6 H Davies 75
16 33P/00-0 MOUNT HARVARD 30 (G,S) (G Barnett) G Barnett 11-10-6 S Davies (7) —
17 100022 SHADY LEGACY 11 (F,S) (D Pugh) R Morris 5-10-5 Miss L Wallace (7) 94
18 223320 FORTUNE FINDER 23 (Mrs L Baillie) R Hartop 5-10-5 R Crank 92
19 40P400 AIRBORNE DEAL 18 (S) (K Higson) A Moore 8-10-5 G Moore 93
20 P-04000 KNIGHT'S HEIR 19 (G) (R Riley) H Whiting 6-10-3 M Bowlby (4) 95
24 231402 KAM HILL 25 (C,S) (B Culley) O Brennan 5-10-2 M Brennan 96
25 00-P0PF ASTRAL LADY 25 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Dook) Mrs C Dook 6-10-1 D Shaw 90
26 4000-P0 THE CAPO FAMIGLIA 30 (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 7-10-1 D Murphy 93
29 03-P010 B J MOON 17 (D,S) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 6-10-0 — 87
31 FPP-000 SANDMOOR COURT 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs K Judge) J Payne 9-10-0 G McCourt 94
35 PPP-00P CYPRUS SKY 14 (G,S) (F Jackson) F Jackson 10-10-0 Mr R Morris —

BETTING: 9-2 Brown Rifle, 5-1 Cruden Bay, 11-2 Man O'Magic, 6-1 Shady Legacy, 8-1 Kam Hill, Maundy Boy, 10-1 Fortune Finder, 12-1 B J Moon, 14-1 Good Afternoon, 20-1 others.

1986: MEESON GRANGE 5-10-3 R Hyett (8-1) F Jordan 16 ran

4.15 LANGFORD NOVICE CHASE (£1,449: 2m 74yd) (14 runners)

4 02/4300- BALLYCRACKERS 465 (C,S) (Mrs J Robinson) D L Williams 6-11-1 R Crank —
5 023000 BRIGHT SHERRIFF 17 (B,G,S) (T Winterton) O Brennan 8-11-1 M Brennan ● 99
8 0R00FF CONSTABLE KELLY 93 (Maj L Tham) Mrs J Barrow 7-11-1 M Bosley (4) 89
9 0-FPP ELVERS GREEN 14 (R Lambert) A Nightingale 9-11-1 A Webb —
13 P-44000 KALOOKI BERT 21 (F) (R Dowsett) R Hartop 8-11-1 S J O'Neill —
14 000034 KING OF STRESS 17 (B,S) (W Hardy) J L Harris 9-11-1 J A Harris 88
15 00314/0 LAMBWATH HALL 19 (F,G,S) (R Briggs) A Smith 10-11-1 C Hawkins —
18 4/0P0F0 OULA OWL 23 (S) (Mrs M Sprackley) K Ivory 7-11-1 M Richards —
23 2/ SMART TAR 716 (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-1 G Mernagh —
24 200-003 SMOKEY'S SON 14 (Miss G Rees) Miss G Rees 8-11-1 W Worthington 72
26 0032PP CRIMSON SOL 17 (P Kelly) G Thorner 6-10-10 L Harvey (4) —
27 22F0PF LE MARSH 27 (R Steward) J Scallan 10-10-10 M Furlong 94
29 0-00000 DECEMBRE 19 (G Sanderson) E Alston 5-10-7 M Alston (7) —
30 P03F0F SILVER CANNON 19 (G Harper) R Woodhouse 5-10-7 — —

BETTING: 9-4 King Of Stress, 11-4 Bright Sheriff, 7-2 Smokey's Son, 7-1 Crimson Sol, 8-1 Lambwath Hall, 10-1 Kalooki Bert, 14-1 others.

1986: SWINGING MOON 7-11-1 Steve Knight (2-1 fav) A Ingham 15 ran

4.45 OSSINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,509: 3m 110yd) (18 runners)

1 0112-1F JONLANI 51 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs F Raper) Mrs M Dickinson 8-12-2 G Bradley 77
2 223200 PREBEN FUR 23 (CD,G,S) (W Peacock) G Richards 10-11-13 J R Quinn (7) 79
3 UUUP-0F INKLING 128 (C,G,S) (L Kirkby) J Leigh 10-11-11 Mr L Kirkby —
5 123224 DEBT FOLLOWER 18 (F) (F Starr) O Brennan 9-11-6 M Brennan 79
6 30/P-4PF TRUST THE KING 26 (V,S) (N Delaman) C Vernon Miller 10-11-5 C Warren (4) —
7 20-0P14 SWIFT MESSENGER 20 (CD,G,S) (Miss B Palmer) D L Williams 8-11-3 R Crank 75
8 4141-03 HUMYAK HOUSE 20 (F,G) (I Matthews) I Matthews 7-11-3 S Keightley 70
15 30P-P02 SKEGBY 16 (B,D,F,G,S) (O Brennan) O Brennan 13-10-10 M Brennan ● 99
16 1/F-000 MISTER SKIP 27 (G) (V Kilkenny) J Webber 8-10-10 G Mernagh 82
17 4412U4 ANSURO 14 (CD,S) (Miss R Scholey) R Scholey 10-10-10 P Dennis (4) 78
18 3-24133 BRONWYN 46 (CD,G,S) (T Hayward) Miss N Davenport 10-10-9 H Davies 72
19 0302/23 SANDWALKER 16 (G,S) (D Price) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-9 Mr M Price (7) 84
23 300022/ DE PLUVINEL 679 (G,S) (G Prest) G Prest 14-10-7 P Croucher —
24 0/0310-U SUPER BRAT 24 (F,G) (Mrs L Carter) Rex Carter 8-10-5 — 73
25 040-P03 YOUNG BLOOD 32 (B,BF,F,G) (P Doherty) S Christian 8-10-5 — 76
28 P/PF024 BEE ORCHID 28 (G) (C Hellyer) K Bailey 11-10-0 A Jones 88
29 00-020F HIGHLAND CARDINAL 77 (C Weedon) C Weedon 8-10-0 — 70
31 P/4444P WOODLANDS LAD 26 (S) (F Pritchard) P Pritchard 12-10-0 D Chiro —

BETTING: 5-2 Skegby, 7-2 Jonlani, 9-2 Debt Follower, 8-1 Sandwalker, 8-1 Swift Messenger, 10-1 Bee Orchid, 12-1 others.

1986: TAR KNIGHT 9-10-2 R Dunwoody (4-1) M Skinner 12 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
G Richards	17	79	21.5	R Crank	16	84	19.0
B McMahon	8	45	17.8	G McCourt	10	68	14.7
T Bill	6	38	15.8	C Smith	5	36	13.9
J Webber	15	101	14.9	M Brennan	21	162	13.0
B Preece	7	47	14.9	S Johnson	12	99	12.1
K Bailey	11	77	14.3	A Webb	7	85	8.2

Closely monitoring the chance of Cashew King

By Alan Lee

Bryan McMahon believes he is taking the guesswork out of training racehorses since the arrival in his Tamworth yard of a physiologist named Bob Farley.

McMahon insists, for instance, that he will know precisely whether Cashew King, one of the biggest ante-post gambles for Thursday's Triumph Hurdle, *will run up* to his best in the race, even before he steps onto the Cheltenham Course.

The innovative and am*bitious* McMahon is placing ever-more faith in the methods of Farley, a former Loughborough College lecturer who *has* trained various international athletes and is now applying the same principles to racehorses.

McMahon explains: "The essence of Bob's *technique* is a regular monitoring of the horse's heartbeat. Through this, we get the most accurate guide available as to whether each *horse* is fully fit.

"This method does not, of course, put any new talent into a *horse but* it takes the mystery out of training. I should always know now when a horse is ready to do himself *justice and if* one does not run up to scratch I can no longer use the excuse that he must be wrong, because I should have known that be*fore the race*."

Farley, who *also* concentrated on the heart in his days with athletes, approached four leading trainers, all of whom turned him away, before *offering* his services to McMahon in November.

The trainer says: "I don't know if the others dismissed him as a joke but I'm glad they did. When I discussed it with him it all sounded quite logical and so I thought we would give it a try. Its one of the best decisions I ever made.

"*Most* trainers would *not* even know what their horses' hearbeat *should* be and I was *just* as *ignorant* until I met Bob. Now the heart gives me all the information I want."

Each of McMahon's ten jumpers are tested twice a day and detailed records are kept. The *horse's weight* is also measured before and after each gallop and McMahon intends to adapt these techniques to suit his *Flat* string *for the new* season starting later this month.

"For jumpers, racing is an endurance test, so they have to be physically fitter than on the Flat where, *up to a mile* at least, the *emphasis* is on speed. We will need to make a few changes but the principle remains the same."

McMahon, who has had 10 winners this winter, is *full of* hope that Cashew King can give him his first Festival success. "He was very impressive at Haydock and if he reproduces *that he will not* be far away."

The Thinker good each-way value

By Gerald Hubbard
(Compiler of The Times Private Handicap)

When assessing Forgive'N Forget's chances of capturing a second Gold Cup it is possible to *propound two differing* suppositions.

The first is that he has improved since *last* year *and* that therefore he is now in another class from his opponents. The justification for *this* line of thought rests heavily on his run at Haydock in November, one of several meetings with *Cybrandian this season. It is* the only form line which suggests he has improved, but it cannot be ignored.

The second school of reasoning implies that he has not improved and that to raise a horse on the basis of only one of several meetings with the same horse is a dangerous procedure.

***What is* clear is that Wayward Lad, veteran of previous battles at Cheltenham, appears to have declined since he finished 2½ lengths ahead of Forgive'N Forget in last season's Gold Cup.**

***If Forgive'N Forget has not* improved then Run And Skip (one length behind Forgive'N *Forget last year)* and The Thinker must both have valid claims for serious consideration. The *Thinker is improving and it* is probable that the graph is still rising. At 10-1, he represents each-way value.**

As in most races at the Cheltenham Festival, the Champion Hurdle has its *share* of caveats. The champion of the last two runnings, See You Then, returned to the fray after an absence of 10 months and showed signs of rustiness when recording a rating 7lb short of his best.

Though it was not absolute evidence of total retention of his earlier *outstanding ability*, it was all that could be expected under the circumstances. Nohalmdun and Aonoch *appear* to constitute the main dangers.

The former has 9½ lengths to find on last year's running, but more reliable jumping would appear to account for a measure of improvement this season. *However, on figures*, a clear gap still exists.

Aonoch, that equine version of a *riddle wrapped in an enigma*, has sound claims and has a one-length Liverpool victory over See You Then (gave 2lb) to *his* credit. At the time this success was attributed to lack of stamina on See You Then's part, *but following two* high-class performances this season it would seem that any deficiency in that respect was *merely marginal*.

Given the right conditions, a fast gallop and heavy ground, Aonoch *could prove* that victory no fluke. However, he is not one on whom the house should ever be mortgaged.

***At his* peak, See You Then should win unless Aonoch is on his best behaviour.**

***It seems unlikely that the top* juvenile rating to date should have been achieved by *Sprowston Boy in the Tote Gold* Trophy at Newbury, but the state of form among four-year-*olds is such* that *it* is hard to *justify* placing High Knowl above him.**

***Indeed, the form of* Cheltenham's Steel Plate Hurdle has looked less than rock-*solid following* subsequent defeats of High Knowl (winner), Celtic Chief (runner-up), Ghofar (third), and *Dunston* (fourth).**

On an earlier line, through Ricmar, there is little to choose between Sprowston Boy and High Knowl. But the *former* showed superior form in the Tote Gold Trophy and the latter's free-running style may be better suited to Liverpool *than* Cheltenham.

***In what* is a *severe* test for young horses, Sprowston Boy should go very close to capturing the four-year-old crown. If the Haydock blizzard *form* is to be trusted, Cashew King looks a *live* danger.**

Saturday's results

Sandown Park

1.45 1, Timurs Double (14-1); 2, Bronze Opal (3-1); 3, Desert Hero (15-2). 12 ran. No-U-Turn 13-8 fav.

2.15 1, Backstreet Guy (11-4 fav); 2, Perhaps Lucky (25-1); 3, Contradeal (7-2). 10 ran. NR: The Catchpool, Claude Monet.

2.45 1, Inlander (10-1); 2, Kescast (11-1); 3, Timely Star (25-1); 4, Tagios (11-1). 23 ran. Ballyduirrow 6-1 fav.

3.20 1, The Argonaut (7-4 fav); 2, Bright Oassis (100-30); 3, W Six Times (2-1). 6 ran.

3.50 1, Long Engagement (3-1 fav); 2, Wollow Will (6-1); 3, Infielder (10-1). 9 ran.

4.25 1, King Jack (11-1); 2, Prasina Matta (14-1); 3, Samanpour (14-1); 4, Turn For Th' Better (14-1). 19 ran. Happy Breed 7-1 fav. NR: Forcello.

5.0 1, Esha Ness (10-1); 2, Border King (16-1); 3, Firmiter (10-1). 21 ran. Bolt Head 3-1 fav.

5.30 1, Chatanoogachoochoo (8-1); 2, Sand Key (6-1); 3, Alaska Run (9-2). 20 ran. Over The Counter 85-40 fav. NR: Elegant Fella.

Chepstow

1.30 1, Elon Rouge (7-4 fav); 2, Little Polveir (6-1); 3, Southdown Spirit (11-1). 12 ran. NR: Saunders.

2.0 1, Hal's Joy (10-1); 2, Bowden (7-1); 3, Above Par (25-1); 4, Wally Wombat (17-2). 16 ran. Salehurst 2-1 fav. NR: Mister Harrigan.

2.30 1, Positive (8-1); 2, Mister Point (Evens fav); 3, Christian Schad (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Convinced.

3.0 1, Pactolus (7-4); 2, Indian Orator (6-5 fav); 3, Musical Youth (50-1). 4 ran.

3.30 1, Dylan's Pride (9-1); 2, Vick The Busker (33-1); 3, Bryma (5-1 jt-fav). 15 ran. Ivor Anthony, Bridgetown Lad 5-1 jt-favs. NR: Gratte's Legacy.

4.0 1, Solent Lad (4-1); 2, Peace Keeper (9-1); 3, Soho Sue (9-4 jt-fav). 7 ran. Bold Petal 9-4 jt-fav. NR: Chatterspark, Gold Sovereign.

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2.0 1, Cool Reception (7-4 fav); 2, Stromar (4-1); 3, Pauper Moon (14-1). 18 ran.

2.30 1, Ida's Delight (11-8 fav); 2, High Edge Grey (4-1); 3, Jondale (16-1). 6 ran.

3.0 1, Dark Ivy (4-1); 2, The Divider (2-1 fav); 3, Solares (7-1). 6 ran.

3.30 1, Tresidder (5-4 fav); 2, Telemeter Gem (5-1); 3, Samlen (3-1). 6 ran. NR: Topleigh, Tancred Sand, Doughty Rebel.

4.0 1, Flarey Sark (7-4); 2, Chipped Metal (13-8 fav); 3, Proud Con (7-2). 5 ran.

4.30 1, Atkinsons (11-2); 2, Baby Sigh (3-1 fav); 3, Tot (8-1). 10 ran.

Doncaster

1.45, 1, Brown Windsor (11-2); 2, Carogrove (50-1); 3, Flying Dancer (5-1). 18 ran. It's A Pry 2-1 fav. NR: Trial Period.

2.15 1, Joseph's Coat (7-2 fav); 2, Segareme (20-1); 3, Ramillie (10-1); 4, Whistling Steller (10-1). 16 ran. NR: B J Moon, Glenmore Captain, Tabacos, Poco Loco.

2.45 1, Valentino's Joy (5-1); 2, Grange Hill Girl (7-1); 3, Outlaw (6-1). 11 ran. Welsh Spirit 7-2 fav. NR: Spot The Patch.

3.15 1, Bluff Cove (10-1); 2, Maujendor (11-2); 3, Old Meg (6-1). 11 ran. Bigsun 5-4 fav. NR: Cut 'N Dry.

3.45 1, Coleman Abbey (5-1); 2, Pyleigh Prince (7-1); 3, Condicote Boy (3-1 fav). 17 ran.

4.15 1, Netherby Ghost (100-30); 2, Gratification (5-1); 3, Eastern Destiny (20-1). 7 ran. Drops O'Brandy 6-5 fav. 7 ran. NR: Old Applejack.

4.45 1, Landing Board (7-2); 2, Rouspeter (2-1 fav); 3, Impany (8-1). 8 ran.

5.15 1, Third In Line (11-8 fav); 2, Nick The Brief (12-1); 3, Abbey Brave (33-1). 22 ran. NR: Northern Jinks.

Confidence growing in Kissane

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Irish confidence behind two major Cheltenham challengers, Kissane and Welcome Pin, was endorsed at Navan on Saturday.

Bosphorus, 10 lengths behind Kissane on their last encounter, *made every yard of the running* to land the maiden hurdle.

Later in the afternoon, All The Fools duplicated these front running tactics to beat previous winners Haepenny Well and Head Of The House by 8 lengths *in the* Vincent Keating and Sons Jet Oil Hurdle.

On his previous outing, All The Fools had been relegated to third place behind Welcome Pin and Galmoy, finishing all of 15 lengths behind the winner.

The target for Kissane is tomorrow's opening event, the Waterford Crystal Supreme Novice Hurdle. We *shall not* know until declaration time this morning whether Dermot Weld has elected to run Midsummer Gamble here rather than wait for Wednesday's Sun Alliance Novice *Hurdle*.

The key is the likely state of the ground. Midsummer Gamble, a heavy-topped horse, needs soft ground and if there is a risk of it drying out overnight Weld will opt for the earlier engagement.

Midsummer Gamble beat Kissane handily over 2¼ miles at *Leopardstown but over this* shorter distance I expect to see a fitter *Kissane* take his revenge.

Midsummer Gamble, who stays well, must be a danger to Welcome Pin if they meet in the *Sun Alliance* but Welcome Pin, recently transferred from Paddy Mullins to Pat Hughes, has proved himself to be an exceptional front runner.

John Mulhern, who early last week *had* said he would be without a Cheltenham runner, changed his mind at the weekend and will now send over both the novice *Wolf Of Badenoch*, and Galmoy.

There is certainly a case to be *made* for Galmoy in the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle as he was having his first run since *last* Spring when finishing second to *Welcome Pin*. *Last* season, he showed himself to be a resolute weight-carrying staying handicapper.

By *far* the strongest of all the Irish tips for the *Festival centres* around a chaser who has only run once over fences so far. This is Fearless Leader who will be ridden by his young trainer, Enda Bolger, in the 4-mile National Hunt Chase on Wednesday.

Fearless Leader, a *winner this* season on the flat and over *hurdles*, was finishing fastest of all when beaten 1½ lengths by the much more experienced Banker's Benefit in the first *running* of the 2¾-mile Dawn Run Chase at *Fairyhouse*.

Not only did Banker's Benefit go on to win the IR£12,000 Ladbroke Trial at Punchestown but three of the next four to finish behind Fearless Leader also won next time out.

Only a fall may prevent Fearless Leader from winning this race and in that event a solid Irish alternative could be Ceart Go Leor, attempting a fourth successive win over fences.

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RACING

Champion workout for Henderson's Festival hopefuls

By Michael Phillips

What a difference a day makes in a champion's preparation. On Saturday, the gallops around Lambourn were unworkable after overnight frost had left bone-hard lumps, often the size of a fist, in the ground.

That meant that Nicky Henderson, trainer of the champion hurdle favourite, See You Then, who is attempting to emulate Persian War, the last horse to win the race three times, was restricted to cantering his string on the all-weather strip instead of working them properly on grass, as he had hoped.

Yesterday, though, after a milder night, the gallops were in perfect condition for fast work.

The champion trainer took tomorrow's Festival runners See You Then, River Ceriog (Champion Hurdle) and First Bout (Arkle), along with Townley Stone, to work a mile and a quarter up Peter Walwyn's famous Faringdon Road gallops.

Steve Smith Eccles had the ride on See You Then who worked impressively as indeed did River Ceriog, who seems to be coming to himself at precisely the right time.

Indeed, River Ceriog, at odds of 25-1, could turn out to be a sporting each-way bet for the championship if one recalls the ease with which he won the opening race of the Festival meeting a year ago.

Smith Eccles, Henderson and local vet Frank Mahon all expressed themselves well satisfied with the work-out, believing that See You Then had sharpened up nicely for his Haydock run.

After that, the action switched to Mandown Bottom, a mile away, where the stable's other Cheltenham runners, The Tsarevich, Classified, Charlies Cottage, Tsarella and Alone Success, also enjoyed a thoroughly good blow.

Significantly, Galway Blaze missed the exercise and the feeling is that the Gold Cup may have come too soon for the 1985 Hennessy Gold Cup winner. The Whitbread at Sandown next month looks a natural alternative.

Smith Eccles was aboard Thursday's Triumph hurdle hope, Alone Success, who went noticeably well.

"Preferably, I'd like some rain for him but not until after tomorrow," was Henderson's parting shot, as he strode away with the air of a man well satisfied. He had every right to be.

Treble sets the tone

Nick Henderson had a perfect dress rehearsal for this week's Cheltenham showcase with three winners on Saturday — a double with Backstreet Guy and King Jack at Sandown Park and Brown Windsor in the opener at Doncaster.

Henderson, top trainer at the last two Cheltenham Festivals, looked mightily relieved after Backstreet Guy was confirmed the winner of the Sandown Open Handicap Chase following a stewards' inquiry into possible interference.

Backstreet Guy, ridden by John White, was completing a treble following victories at Towcester and Ludlow. He will now be aimed at Liverpool's Whitbread Trophy.

Steve Smith Eccles showed that he too is in peak form with a runaway success on King Jack in the Select Novices' Handicap Hurdle preceded by a perfectly-judged triumph on Inlander for Reg Akehurst in the Imperial Cup.

Akehurst said: "Inlander is in the Bic Razor Gold Cup Hurdle at Lingfield next Saturday with 9st 9lb and I'm very tempted to run him."

There was a special cheer for the Queen Mother who was present to watch her nine-year-old The Argonaut capture the Dick McCreery Cup for the second year running.

●Convinced, unbeaten over hurdles, missed Saturday's Top Rank Hurdle at Chepstow after knocking himself in his box. Victory went to Positive, who now takes in one of the novice hurdles at Cheltenham

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	level stake
Fitzgerald	64	30	20	1	-6.87
M Pipe	61	29	20	0	-37.52
Richards	51	44	32	0	-20.24
Balding	43	26	29	2	+56.71
Gifford	43	32	29	8	-29.86
Henderson	41	24	22	0	+65.85
W Stephenson	38	49	32	0	-134.11
M H Easterby	36	27	22	6	-43.35
Mrs J Pitman	34	28	26	0	+49.42
Winter	34	37	23	0	-60.02
Elsworth	33	25	15	12	+59.31

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	level stake
P Scudamore	86	69	48	4	-4.75
M Dwyer	69	35	26	4	-19.09
P Tuck	52	42	38	0	-69.46
R Dunwoody	49	55	49	35	-131.68
C Grant	46	53	42	6	-85.13
S Sherwood	44	32	24	1	+24.88
G Bradley	43	24	17	10	-13.16
S S Eccles	39	25	27	0	-1.47
B Powell	37	43	37	21	-163.70
R Rowe	35	26	30	13	-49.35
H Davies	34	42	25	4	-110.45

POINT-TO-POINT

Transaction wins a protracted duel

By Brian Beel

Sixteen started in the first division of *The Times* Championship qualifier at the Cumberland Farmers on Saturday, but it was clear from a long way out that only two would be involved in the finish.

Peter Craggs had led on the favourite, Paddy Murphy, from the sixth fence but three out was joined by the Zetland horse, Transaction. From this point they raced as if locked together until Robert Wilson on Transaction just got the upper hand on the run-in to win by half a length.

The favourite in the second division also finished second. This was Warren Brig who never looked like catching the impressive Criffel Mist, ridden by Kevin Anderson.

There was also a *Times* qualifier at the Flint and Denbigh where one joint-favourite, Classic Page, was leading three fences from home but slipped up, leaving market rival Queen's Son well in command to win by 15 lengths for John Tellwright.

Burin Buck, a 16-1 outsider, had such notable performers as Freddie Teal, Honourable Man and Melodic Lad in trouble a long way out in the Audi qualifier at the Holderness.

David Kinsella on Honourable Man made progress from five out but Burin Buck with John Gill aboard never looked like getting caught, although the judge's verdict was only a length at the line.

Fluid, whose last race was the four-mile National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham last year, looked an obvious choice in division two of the maiden race at the Dunston and he duly obliged with Peter Wales riding.

Stephen West, hopeful of a good ride on Phil Grey in the Foxhunters at Cheltenham on Thursday, followed his two wins last week with a further success, on Ballymoran, in the first division of the maiden at the Western.

This meeting saw a double for Jonathan Geake, on Ballyneety and Footstick, and a first winner for Andrew Wonnacott, on Classical Lines, in the adjacent.

Results from 12 meetings

AVON VALE (Nedge): Hunt: 1, Governor's Last; 2, Hill Of Barra; 3, Call On Dickens. Open: 1, No Sweat; 2, Air Strike; 3, Trust Rose. Ladies: 1, Scottish Sound; 2, Hazelwain; 3, Prince Milborne. PPOA Novice, div I: 1, Mr Gumboots; 2, Road Man; 3, Friar Tuck. Adj: 1, Upton; 2, Right Of Way; 3, Cavalryman. PPOA Novice, div II: 1, Flight Lady; 2, Baron's Leap; 3, Just Joshua. Mdn: 1, Country Magic; 2, Perrimay; 3, Walter.

BRECON (Llantrynach): Hunt: 1, Loch Raven; 2, Tedert; 3, Golden Dallas. Adj: 1, Quick Flash; 2, Dozy Moses; 3, Ratochhu. Open, div I: 1, Sulkerbos; 2, Mr Moneybags; 3, Team. Ladies: 1, Le Jour Fortune; 2, Ebony Hill; 3, Red Spirit. Open, div II: 1, Fixed Price; 2, Rock Candy; 3, Luchgello. Rest, div I: 1, Bachelor Lad; 2, Sparkling Lord; 3, No Dreamer. Rest, div II: 1, Ron Canello; 2, Minnie Fuller; 3, Captain Rondo. Rest, div III: 1, Arctic Song; 2, *Atlantis Lady*; 3, *Spanking*. Mdn, div I: 1, Party Spirit; 2, Celtic Dipper; 3, L C Munro. Mdn, div II: 1, Midweek Special; 2, Bali Blend; 3, Andrea's Boy.

CUMBERLAND FARMERS (Dalston): Hunt: 1, I Was Right; 2, Pennine Paddy; 3, Count Midas. Adj: 1, Marathon Man; 2, Secret Brae; 3, French Feevagh. Nitrace Ladies: 1, Yaliskari; 2, Border Minstrel; 3, Bentel Bowman. Open: 1, Pitcruive; 2, The Stroker; 3, Cheerie Chief. Times Championship, div I: 1, Transaction; 2, Paddy Murphy; 3, Locher Brig. Times Championship, div II: 1, Criffel Mist; 2, Warren Brig; 3, Maclennan. Mdn, div I: 1, Be Patient My Son; 2, Daisy Bush; 3, Welton News. Mdn, div II: 1, Celia; 2, Tartan Takeover; 3, Tardid.

DUNSTON (Costessey): Hunt: 1, Annadine; 2, Dem Beanz; 3, Yankie Lass. Adj: 1, Cumberland Basin; 2, Connex; 3, Hot Jackie. Open: 1, Cauchemar; 2, Royal Bounty; 3, Jubilee Medal. RMC Ladies: 1, Mesmerist; 2, Kilwarden; 3, Martineau. *Rest: 1, Owensville*; 2, Catasville; 3, Pamper Jet. Mdn, div I: 1, Fluid; 2, Fiddawn Hill; 3, Iron Bar. Mdn, div II: 1, Quarryman; 2, Military Merchant; 3, Doubtful Pact.

FLINT AND DENBIGH (Eaton Hall): Hunt: 1, Toy Boy; 2, Upper Ten; 3, Lexham View. Adj: 1, Cute Ryme; 2, Skewsby; 3, Sated. Land Rover Open: 1, Kintbury; 2, Rodacs; 3, Another Simon. Ladies: 1, Pennyazina; 2, Coral John; 3, Millondollarman. Times Championship: 1, Queen's Son; 2, Edged Gold; 3, Crown Of Destiny. Mdn, div I: 1, Mandoso; 2, The Mighty Duck; 3, Major Stewart. Mdn, div II: 1, Cute Pam; 2, Mr Bright Eyes; 3, Maesgwyn Star.

GROVE AND RUFFORD (Thorpe Lodge): Natural Country: 1, Giselle; 2, Skinner; 3, Thomas. Adj: 1, Angel Bank; 2, Colonel Heather; 3, Tallyrand. Open: Dd-ht 1, Edenspring and Jupiter's Baby; 3, Vulgarian. Nitrace Ladies: 1, Sweet Diana; 2, Martell Lady; 3, Hemshaw. PPOA: 1, True Dowry; 2, Indian; 3, Manton Castle. Mdn, div I: 1, *York Imperial*; 2, Battle's Town Boy; 3, Just Mick. Mdn, div II: 1, Perroquet; 2, Cawker Dyke; 3, Walker's Lodge. Hunt: 1, Milora; 2, Wills Buck; 3, Abbey Tell.

HOLDERNESS (Dalton Park): Hunt: 1, Carrig Neveen; 2, John Tyke. Audi Adj: 1, Burin Buck; 2, Honourable Man; 3, Melodic Lad. Ladies: 1, Living Fire; 2, Catch That; 3, Cottage Rhythm. Nitrace Ladies: 1, Urser; 2, Flash Deal; 3, Arctic Supreme. Rest: 1, Karaga; 2, Derek's Daughter; 3, Magic Chat. Mdn, div I: 1, Enthorpe; 2, Whipsteric; 3, Gone Shooting. Mdn, div II: 1, Record Trout; 2, Pay Zone; 3, Megalleaberg.

MID SURREY (Charing): Hunt: 1, Perspex Glory; 2, Motor Bike Man; 3, Kerry Street. Rest: 1, Master Grain; 2, Ballard; 3, Moonring. Audi Adj: 1, Marks Methane; 2, Tricky Business; 3, Robson. RMC Ladies: 1, Rockdale; 2, Viewed Away; 3, Dear Octopus. Open: 1, Tough and Rugged; 2, Unscrupulous Judge; 3, Next Best. Mdn, div I: 1, Shipley's Pride; 2, Just Light; 3, Singing Kettle. Mdn, div II: 1, Fon Nelson; 2, John Wellburn; 3, Forbya.

NORTH LEDBURY (Upton-on-Severn): Hunt: 1, Auting; 2, Lynn's Delight. Adj: 1, Outside Chance; 2, Carneades; 3, French Lieutenant. Open: 1, Paddy's Peril; 2, Bent Deal; 3, Fearless Seal. Rest: 1, Karannau; 2, Come On Clay; 3, Grafton Massey. RMC Ladies: 1, Bhaibundi Chewunja; 2, Foolish Hero; 3, Del-Mar. Mdn, div I: 1, Barnster Boy; 2, Henry Owen; 3, Fellaseas. Mdn, div II: 1, *Tangle Trial*; 2, *Grange Rum*; 3, Aljazaar.

OAKLEY (Newton Bronzewold): Hunt: 1, Can't Catch Me; 2, Hell Bent; 3, Red Flame. Audi Adj: 1, Scotch On The Rock; 2, Jimmy Lad; 3, Poker Classic. Open: Stanwick Lad; 2, Hasty Storm; 3, Corked. RMC Ladies: 1, Brigadier Hatht; 2, Random Leg; 3, Easy Fella. Mdn, div I: 1, Valued Opinion; 2, Ballinaveen; 3, Sea Ranger. Mdn, div II: 1, Samalaja; 2, Cheekee Chappie; 3, Piede Clusker.

SILVERTON (*Haldon*): Hunt: 1, *O'er The Border*; 2, Aloe Woodlark; 3, Calverleigh. Adj, div I: 1, Adjudicator; 2, Sandsprite; 3, Macnab's Quest. Adj, div II: 1, Martinolas; 2, Plain Henry; 3, Village Mark. Ladies: 1, Acqua Verde; 2, Ballytarter; 3, Purston Trustey. Land Rover Open: 1, Sutton Prince; 2, Cal Mal; 3, Buck's Mill. Rest: 1, Moorcross; 2, Seascript; 3, Celtic Express. Mdn, div I: 1, Seventh Season; 2, Burgon Bay; 3, Fabius Gem. Mdn, div II: 1, Lucky Henassi; 2, Dusky Heart; 3, Pardobity.

WESTERN (Wadebridge): Rest: 1, Ballyneety; 2, Cein Sidan; 3, Akarakil. Ladies: 1, River Taymar; 2, Moonbrine; 3, Roving Bandit. Open: 1, Footstick; 2, Irish Williams; 3, What A Chance. Adj: 1, Classical Lines; 2, Widgery Tor; 3, Flippin Coady. Mdn, div I: 1, Ballymoran; 2, Guruvayoor; 3, Tartan Tomahawk. Mdn, div II: 1, Vanishing Farmer; 2, Leg Up; 3, Sugar Hall. Hunt: 1, Zanzibar; 2, Hideaway Munday Bay.

FOOTBALL: DEFENSIVE ERRORS PROVIDE CONFIRMATION THAT ARSENAL ARE NOT THE STUFF OF LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Fault lies in Arsenal not in referee

By David Miller

Arsenal	1
Watford	3

When even Arsenal — and their supposedly better-bred supporters — do not know how to behave, what chance is *there for the rest of the game?* You could have been forgiven for thinking, at the end of a sixth round tie which Arsenal had deservedly lost, that this was Buenos Aires or provincial Italy, the fuss that was going on.

George Graham was busy telling us, either side of Christmas, that his team were not the stuff of League Champions. Saturday's exit from the FA Cup provided confirmation of this, if such were needed, for Arsenal's defence had made enough mistakes to disqualify any complaint about a possible error by the referee, Mr Stevens.

Maybe the linesman did have his flag up for a foul by Watford's defender, Sims, on Quinn moments before Blissett ran through to score Watford's third just before the end. Football, indeed, often seems unreasonable, or unfair. The referee either did not see or ignored the signal, and when Arsenal almost forcibly drew his attention to the matter, well, dammit, he did not change his mind about the goal. Referees seldom if ever do. *C'est la vie*, and a lesson for Arsenal to learn.

In a career in senior football starting as a teenager, Williams, Arsenal's midfield player, has accumulated little maturity of temperament. He was still arguing as the team left the pitch, allegedly accusing Graham Taylor, Watford's manager of being a cheat: though at no time did I see Taylor taking any part in the match. Williams, however, has never earned many marks for cogency, and had spent much of the match in an *unseemly scuffle with Porter*, who was booked, instead of concentrating on reducing Watford's advantage in midfield.

Moreover, if Arsenal wish *to enter a debate on possible* penalties, they should include the incident in the first half, with the score at 1-1, when Blissett, having turned past Adams into the penalty area, was blatantly held back by the arm.

Instead of ruminating over the weekend on possibilities, Arsenal should be concentrating their thoughts on the facts of the match.

One: the opening goal was the softest gift of the season, when Coton, Watford's goalkeeper, and McClelland *became entangled in a mess of* indecision on their own six-yard line and allowed Allinson to score the simplest of goals.

Two: by early in the second half, Watford had taken the *lead with two brilliant goals*, Blissett's volley from Bardsley's cross, and Barnes's curving header over Lukic, again from a cross from the flying Bardsley.

Three: Arsenal's defence was in dire trouble for much of the first hour, with Barnes and Bardsley going past Anderson and, almost embarrassingly, Sansom as if they had never seen an England international match, never mind played in nearly 100 between them. Adams, against Blissett, was looking anything but an inter*national star of the future*.

However, Arsenal could argue that Watford's defence was little more sure than their own, and whatever the inadequacies of Williams and Allinson in midfield, Rocastle was repeatedly pushing forward to give Arsenal some optimism.

Early in the second half Rocastle cut in from the left across the back of the penalty area, dummied with Hayes, and Hayes moved back to the left and shot just over the bar. That promise was almost instantly snuffed by Barnes's goal, taken as Bardsley, fed by Richardson, swept past Sansom and pitched the ball towards the back of the penalty area.

Arsenal's attack, with or without Nicholas, is not at present likely to illuminate any historical account of the club's second century, although those who see him more regularly than I do, say that the occasional ungainliness of the tall young Quinn is a deception, and that he will mature into a good centre-forward.

What stood between Arsenal and an equalizer for the middle 20 minutes of the second half was as much the agility of Coton as any lack of attacking imagination. Three times, diving full length, Coton kept out shots by Quinn, twice, and Anderson.

Midway through the half, George Graham sent out Nicholas and Thomas in place of the prosaic Hayes and Allinson. With Anderson now reversing the roles on Barnes, and obliging the England winger on to the defensive with his persistent overlapping runs, Arsenal looked as if they might save the day. There was some talk of a penalty. I thought fanciful, when Anderson stumbled in the penalty area when challenged by Barnes.

The ultimate in impartiality by a spectator was heard when Coton, nine minutes from time, flung himself fearlessly at the feet of Groves, parrying both the ball and Groves's outstretched foot with his stomach. Groves, oddly, seemed momentarily to have *hurt himself, whereupon the* season ticket holder yelled in anguished frustration: "The goalkeeper's done 'im."

When, moments later, Lukic inexplicably came chasing off his goal-line with no hope of blocking Falco, and Blissett studiously headed Falco's cross just over an empty net, there was little room left for any complaint of bad luck by the losers.

ARSENAL: J Lukic, V Anderson, K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, D Rocastle, P Groves, N Quinn, I Allinson (sub: C Nicholas), M Hayes (sub: M Thomas).

WATFORD: A Coton; N Gibbs, W Rostron, *K Richardson, S Sims, J McClelland, D Bardsley*, L Blissett, M Falco, G Porter, J Barnes.

Referee: B T Stevens.

Triumph and despair: Barnes celebrates scoring for Watford as O'Leary looks on

New act from highwire men

By Clive White

Sheffield Wednesday	1
Coventry City	3

John Sillett, the Coventry City chief coach, recalled with good humour on Saturday his personal failure as a defender 24 years ago when Coventry first attempted to progress beyond this FA Cup quarter-final stage. He made the human error that day of inviting Bobby Charlton to shoot from 35 yards — which Charlton did unerringly.

Charlton would find it harder to go round the Falstaffian figure of Sillett these days, at least not without falling about laughing at his wisecracks. One senses, though, it will be another 24 years at least before Wednesday's defenders can see the funny side of two fortuitous goals on Saturday by Coventry's Houchen, the former scourge of fourth division defences.

Houchen's unlikely FA Cup goals have tripped up such giants as Arsenal and Manchester United. He brought Sheffield Wednesday to their knees with a shot which gained mightily from a deflection off Smith's foot for his first goal, and delivered the *coup de grâce* when the ball bounced off Worthington's head and ran straight down his back on to Houchen's foot.

Coventry have now swopped their role of tightrope walker for strongman, one imagines under gentle persuasion from George Curtis, who is no less an uncompromising figure as chief executive as he was as Coventry stopper. Add to that the Sillett philosophy of make-'em-laugh *and you have a very cool and* dangerous customer in the last four of the FA Cup. Sillett said: "I've always asked our boys to be assassins up front. Well, today, three chances, three goals — I think they were assassins."

Assassins do not come much more deadly than Regis when he is bearing down on his enemy as he was in the sixteenth minute after a neat exchange with Bennett had sent him off with all barrels loaded. Hodge was a sitting duck. Bennett, who had played once in the previous nine games because of injury, was an assassin turned architect for Coventry, designing all three goals.

Given the lack of confidence which tends to accompany as many as 10 League games without a win, it was surprising that Wednesday did not surrender there and then. With Chapman, their natural targetman, oveshadowed by the man mountain called Kilcline, Wednesday were forced to choose a more roundabout route, which is not their style.

But they stuck to it, albeit unimaginatively. And when Megson's shadow, McGrath, was substituted because of injury, they quickly took advantage following a Regis break*away to whisk the ball upfield* for Megson to score. This understandably evoked memories of the last time Wednesday reached the final when Megson's father, Don, captained the side.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland (sub, C Morris), G Snodin, M Smith, L Madden, N Worthington, B Marwood, G Megson, L Chapman, C *Bradshaw (sub, D Hirst)*, G Shelton.

COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, L McGrath (sub, S Sedgley), B Kilcline, T Peake, D Bennett, D Phillips, C Regis, K Houchen, N Pickering.

Referee: A Gunn.

A bargain in the basement

By Simon Jones

West Ham United	0
Norwich City	2

The sense of expectation increased as Upton Park approached on the District Line. From Mile End to Plaistow, the talk was all about Liam Brady.

Brady arrived at West Ham, for a nominal fee, by a more exotic route — Juventus, Sampdoria, Internazionale and Ascoli — to help West Ham move away from the relegation zone. As it turned out, he could not prevent his new club's fourth successive defeat but the crowd were not disappointed.

At 31, Brady looks to be carrying no surplus weight and is quick enough over five yards. His left foot can still make the ball do everything but talk and his right has obviously been improved by his seven years in Italy. All he needs now is to build up his stamina.

Though Brady was unruffled by the pace of the English first division, gliding past tackles and stroking the ball around as if he was playing on green baize, West Ham could not respond to his prompting. He was conducting an orchestra that was tone deaf.

With Dickens having to fill in at centre forward because of a shin injury to McAvennie, West Ham's attack had no focus. In fact, *Norwich played more like* West Ham than West Ham did.

When they had the ball they used it thoughtfully, often gracefully. Bruce put them in the lead after only two minutes and, in injury time, Drinkell added their second with a classic right-foot shot.

WEST HAM UNITED: P Parkes; R Stewart, G Parris, W Bonds, A Gale, A Dickens, L Brady, P Ince, G Pike (sub, K Keen), A Cottee, S Robson.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; K Brown, A Spearing, S Bruce, M Phelan, I Butterworth, I Crook, K Drinkell, R Rosario, T Putney, D Gordon.

Referee: M Bailey.

United are the victims as Luton move up

Luton climbed above Nottingham Forest and Tottenham Hotspur into fourth position with their 2-1 win over Manchester United. United were struggling from the fourth minute when they conceded a simple goal to Harford, and despite a spirited second-half recovery, were unable to prevent their first defeat this year (a Special Correspondent writes).

Luton increased their lead after 41 minutes with a goal from Stein, and Robson scrambled United's goal three minutes from time.

United's neighbours, Manchester City, fared no better, losing at home to Chelsea 1-2. McLaughlin's header from a Nevin cross put Chelsea ahead after 34 minutes, but McNab replied with a second-half penalty.

In the last few minutes, Barnes came close to scoring an outstanding goal after a fine swerving run which ended with a shot that hit the post. Ironically, Godden gratefully collected the rebound and instantly transferred the ball to Durie — who raced through to score Chelsea's winner.

Leicester boosted their hopes of avoiding relegation when Smith scored with a 75th minute header to beat Charlton 1-0.

Sub sinks Oxford

By Simon O'Hagan

Oxford United	1
Liverpool	3

If ever a reminder was needed of the footballing and financial gulf that exists between Liverpool and most of the rest of the first division then it was provided on Saturday by the figure of John Aldridge. The forward who until his £900,000 transfer in January had been Oxford United's star player returned to the Manor Ground on Saturday only to spend the entire 90 minutes on the substitute's bench.

Dalglish, whose ploy in holding Aldridge back amounted almost to mockery, pointed out afterwards what an important psychological part this had played in Liverpool's win. Should John Barnes go to Liverpool next season no doubt he can expect to be a mere bystander when his new team take on Watford.

With Walsh injured and Aldridge's uses lying elsewhere, Liverpool's attack comprised Dalglish and Rush. Watching these two nowadays is like getting down to the last two glasses of a bottle of vintage claret. Connoisseurs would not have been disappointed as Dalglish orchestrated a typically imperious Liverpool performance, embellished by a classic Rush goal.

Oxford at least made a game of it until half-time, recovering from a headed goal by Wark after 36 minutes to equalize almost immediately through Caton. However, once Rush had put Liverpool back in front with a low volley eight minutes into the second half it ceased to be a contest. Wark, who was playing in place of the injured McMahon, scored his second 10 minutes later.

Liverpool are looking like champions again, but Oxford, with a number of first-team injuries, could face an awkward last two months of the season.

OXFORD UNITED: S Hardwick, R Mustoe, J Trewick, L Phillips (sub, P Rhoades-Brown), G Briggs, T Caton, R Houghton, D Leworthy, D Saunders, T Hebberd, K Brock.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; N Spackman, B Venison, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, C Johnston, I Rush, J Molby, J Wark.

Referee: R M Wiseman.

Goodison revival

By a Correspondent

Everton	3
Southampton	0

Howard Kendall is about to be proved right once again. As Everton manager in 1981, he proclaimed that any side finishing above Liverpool in the first division table would win the League title. It is a statement so accurate that he has resurrected it many times over the past few seasons.

Goodison Park saw a myriad of emotions on Saturday. Everton's elation at claiming a first win in six games was cut short as news of the old enemy's triumph filtered through from the Manor Ground. Pessimism replaced optimism swiftly indeed.

For Southampton there was the despair of another defeat and a chilling reminder that only a radical improvement will keep them from the relegation trap-door. Everton won at a canter, but this victory, which will have restored faith to a certain degree, was not as comprehensive as it might have been — Peter Shilton saw to that.

While he looked ill at ease faced by a first-half aerial bombardment, the England goalkeeper was solely responsible for staving off a disaster with quality saves from Clarke and Heath.

But even he could not stop Everton underlining their match-long supremacy. As early as the twelfth minute Heath's powerful cross from the right flank was headed into his own net by Mark Wright.

Ninety seconds later a square defence was punished by Paul Power, unattended in the penalty area, and 10 minutes after the restart Dave Watson threw himself full-length to head home a Stevens' cross.

Chris Nicholl, the Southampton manager, said he was convinced it would be Liverpool who will clinch the championship; if only he could be so sure about his own destiny.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P Van Den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, W Clarke, I Snodin, P *Power (sub, A Harper)*.

SOUTHAMPTON: P Shilton; G Forrest, S Baker, J Case, M Wright, K Bond, M Le Tissier, G Cockerill, G Lawrence, G Hobson, A Townsend.

Referee: H King.

FA Cup

Sixth round

Arsenal	1	Watford	3
Sheffield Wed	1	Coventry City	3

Yesterday

WIGAN (0) 0 LEEDS (0) 2
Stiles, Adams
12,250

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 TOTTENH'M (0) 2
Waddle, Hoddle
15,636

First division

Everton	3	Southampton	0
Leicester City	1	Charlton	0
Luton Town	2	Manchester Utd	1
Manchester City	1	Chelsea	2
Oxford United	1	Liverpool	3
QPR	3	Nottingham For	1
West Ham Utd	0	Norwich City	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	32	19	7	6	58	30	64
Everton	31	17	7	7	57	25	58
Arsenal	30	15	9	6	42	18	54
Luton Town	31	15	8	8	36	31	53
Norwich City	31	13	13	5	43	38	52
Tottenham	28	15	5	8	49	29	50
Nottingham For	31	14	8	9	53	38	50
Coventry City	30	13	7	10	34	33	46
Wimbledon	30	13	5	12	39	36	44
Watford	29	12	7	10	48	37	43
QPR	30	12	6	12	33	35	42
Chelsea	32	11	9	12	41	50	42
Manchester Utd	31	10	11	10	40	32	41
West Ham Utd	30	10	8	12	43	50	38
Sheffield Wed	30	8	11	11	40	45	35
Oxford United	31	8	10	13	32	51	34
Southampton	30	9	4	17	45	58	31
Leicester City	31	8	6	17	38	60	30
Charlton	31	7	8	16	28	43	29
Manchester City	31	6	11	14	27	42	29
Aston Villa	31	6	9	16	35	61	27
Newcastle Utd	29	6	7	16	31	52	25

GM-Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham	2	Sutton U	1
Barnet	0	Cheltenham	1
Bath	4	Boston	2
Dagenham	1	Kettering	2
Gateshead	0	Telford	2
Kidderminster	2	Maidstone	2
Northwich	1	Welling	0
Nuneaton	1	Runcorn	0
Scarboro	1	Enfield	1
Stafford	0	Weymouth	0

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier division

Barking	4	Slough	4
Carshalton	0	Hitchin	2
Dulwich	1	Worthing	3
Hayes	1	Croydon	1
Hendon	3	Bromley	0
Kingstonian	0	Farnborough	0
Walthamstow	0	Windsor	2
Wokingham	2	Bishops S	0
Wycombe	0	Harrow	0
Yeovil	3	Tooting	0

EUROPEAN CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Besiktas (Turkey) 0, Dynamo Kiev 5.
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Malmo (Sweden) 1, Ajax 0.

ESFA UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: *England 2, West Germany 0.*

BASS IRISH CUP: Second round: Ards 1, Larne 2; Bangor 1, Coleraine 5; Glentoran 3, Glenavon 2; Newry 0, Cliftonville 0.

ROADFERRY IRISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Ballymena 8, Milford Everton 1; Banbridge 0, Linfield 5; Carrick 1, Dungannon 0; Crusaders 1, Queen's University 0; Distillery 1, UU Jordanstown 0.

OXFORDSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Fourth round: Osberton Radiators 0, Oxford City 5; Banbury 2, Clanfield 1.

Second division

Barnsley	3	Brighton	1
Blackburn Rvrs	2	Stoke City	1
Crystal Pal	6	Birmingham City	0
Derby County	3	Shrewsbury Tn	1
Grimsby Town	3	West Bromwich	1
Huddersfield Tn	1	Sheffield Utd	1
Ipswich Town	1	Bradford City	0
Millwall	0	Oldham Ath	0
Reading	1	Hull City	0
Sunderland	2	Plymouth Argyle	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	31	18	8	5	39	19	62
Derby County	31	18	7	6	47	27	61
Oldham Ath	31	17	7	7	50	30	58
Ipswich Town	31	14	8	9	48	32	50
Plymouth Argyle	31	13	9	9	47	40	48
Leeds United	30	12	9	9	36	34	45
Crystal Pal	30	14	2	14	44	44	44
Grimsby Town	32	10	12	10	35	39	42
Stoke City	29	12	5	12	43	36	41
Millwall	31	11	7	13	31	31	40
Sheffield Utd	31	10	10	11	37	39	40
Reading	31	11	7	13	42	48	40
Birmingham City	31	9	13	9	39	45	40
West Bromwich	31	10	9	12	39	35	39
Sunderland	29	10	9	10	35	34	39
Barnsley	31	9	9	13	32	38	36
Blackburn Rvrs	30	9	8	13	27	36	35
Huddersfield Tn	31	9	8	14	39	49	35
Shrewsbury Tn	31	10	5	16	27	40	35
Hull City	30	9	7	14	27	47	34
Bradford City	30	8	7	15	42	49	31
Brighton	31	7	8	16	27	41	29

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester United 1, Oldham 1.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 0, Luton 2; Chelsea 0, Arsenal 0; Fulham 2, Portsmouth 2; Southampton 2, Reading 1; Tottenham 2, Queen's Park Rangers 0; *Watford 3, Ipswich 0.*

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 2, Sutton United 1; Barnet 0, Cheltenham 1; Bath 4, Boston 2; Dagenham 1, Kettering 2; Gateshead 0, Telford 2; Kidderminster 2, Maidstone 2; Northwich 2, Welling 1; Nuneaton 1, Runcorn 0; Scarborough 1, Enfield 1; Stafford 0, Weymouth 0.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 2, Basingstoke 1; Bedworth 0, Gosport 0; Bromsgrove 0, Fareham 0; Cambridge City 2, Salisbury 1; Dartford 0, Chelmsford 0; Dudley 0, Worcester 0; Folkestone 2, Witney 0; King's Lynn 0, Fisher 2; Shepshed 1, Corby 1; Willenhall 0, Alvechurch 1. Postponed: Crawley v Redditch. Midland division: Coventry Sporting 1, Gloucester 2; Forest Green 3, Leamington 4; Hednesford 4, Halesowen 2; Leicester United 3, Buckingham 1; Moor Green 2, Bilston 0; Rushden 0, Mile Oak 2; Stourbridge 2, Bridgnorth 3; Sutton Coldfield 3, Grantham 4; Wellingborough 2, Merthyr Tydfil 3. Southern division: Chatham 2, Corinthian 2; *Dorchester* 2, Ashford 1; Dover 3, Andover 0; Poole 1, Dunstable 3; Sheppey 3, Woodford 1; Thanet 2, Erith and Belvedere 2; Tonbridge 3, Gravesend and Northfleet 1; Trowbridge 5, Ruislip 0; Waterlooville 5, Hastings 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 4, Ipswich 1; Cambridge 0, Orient 2; Chelsea 1, Tottenham 0; Millwall 1, West Ham 4; Portsmouth 3, *Fulham 0*; Southend 2, Gillingham 0; Watford 5, Charlton 0. Second division: Brentford 3, Brighton 4; Crystal Palace 8, Swindon 1; Northampton 1, Southampton 4; Oxford United 3, Luton 2; Reading 1, Bournemouth 1; Wimbledon 5, Bristol Rovers 2.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Barrow 0, Hyde 2; Macclesfield 2, Horwich 2; Rhyl 4, Gainsborough 3; South Liverpool 2, Burton 3; Witton 5, Buxton 1; Workington 1, Caernarfon 1; Worksop 1, Bangor 1. *Postponed: Oswestry v Mossley.*

Third division

Bolton Wandrs	0	Rotherham Utd	0
Bournemouth	1	Bury	0
Bristol City	4	Newport County	0
Carlisle Utd	2	Gillingham	4
Chesterfield	1	Swindon Town	3
Darlington	2	Doncaster Rvrs	2
Mansfield Town	2	Chester	3
Notts County	3	Blackpool	2
Port Vale	4	Bristol Rovers	1
Walsall	1	Middlesbrough	0
York City	2	Brentford	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bournemouth	33	20	7	6	55	34	67
Notts County	33	19	7	7	64	38	64
Middlesbrough	33	18	7	8	48	27	61
Swindon Town	30	17	6	7	51	32	57
Bristol City	32	16	7	9	50	26	55
Gillingham	33	16	7	10	49	36	55
Blackpool	33	13	12	8	63	42	51
Wigan Ath	29	15	5	9	57	43	50
Mansfield Town	34	11	14	9	38	38	47
Chesterfield	34	11	10	13	45	52	43
Walsall	29	12	6	11	51	50	42
Doncaster Rvrs	32	11	9	12	44	45	42
Port Vale	32	10	10	12	48	49	40
Rotherham Utd	35	10	9	16	37	48	39
Chester	30	7	16	7	44	41	37
Brentford	33	9	10	14	43	52	37
Fulham	33	8	13	12	47	57	37
Bury	33	9	9	15	41	47	36
York City	32	9	9	14	37	57	36
Bolton Wandrs	33	8	11	14	39	46	35
Bristol Rovers	31	8	9	14	32	57	33
Newport County	33	6	11	16	36	58	29
Darlington	31	5	14	12	33	53	29
Carlisle Utd	31	6	6	19	31	57	24

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking 4, Slough 4; Carshalton 0, Hitchin 2; Dulwich 1, Worthing 3; Hayes 1, Croydon 1; Hendon 3, Bromley 0; Kingstonian 0, Farnborough 0; Walthamstow 0, Windsor and Eton 2; Wokingham 2, Bishop's Stortford 0; Wycombe 0, Harrow 0; Yeovil 2, Tooting and Mitcham 0. First division: Billericay 0, Wembley 0; Boreham Wood 1, Leatherhead 0; Bracknell 1, Tilbury 0; Epsom and Ewell 2, Stevenage 2; Hampton 1, Uxbridge 2; Maidenhead United 1, Leyton Wingate 3; Southwick 2, Basildon 1; Staines 0, Leytonstone Ilford 1. Second division north: Barton 2, Rainham 0; Berkhamsted 1, Vauxhall Motors 1; Chesham 2, Ware 1; Chesunt 0, Tring 2; Haringey 1, Saffron Walden 0; Hertford 4, Aveley 0; Heybridge 0, Harlow 0; Hornchurch 3, Clacton 1; Royston 1, Letchworth GC 6; Wivenhoe 3, Hemel Hempstead 1; Wolverton 3, Collier Row 1. Second division south: Camberley 0, Harefield 0; Chertsey 0, Chalfont St Peter 0; Eastbourne United 0, Hungerford 0; Flackwell Heath 1, Feltham 2; Marlow 4, Egham 1; Molesey 0, Banstead 0; Newbury 1, Horsham 1; Petersfield 2, Ruislip Manor 1; Woking 1, Whyteleafe 1.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: BAe Weybridge 2, Farleigh 2; Chobham 0, Merstham 2; Cobham 1, Horley 2; Cove 4, Frimley Green 2; Farnham 4, Malden 1; Godalming 0, Ash 1; Hartley Wintney 2, Cranleigh 0; Malden Vale 2, Chipstead 2; Virginia Water 0, Westfield 0.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Brantham 5, Gorleston 2; Chatteris 1, Newmarket 0; Clacton 3, Colchester 3; Great Yarmouth 0, March 1; Harwich and Parkeston 3, Watton 2; Haverhill 1, Soham 0; Histon 1, Lowestoft 2; Thetford 3, Braintree 5; Tiptree 2, Wisbech 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 1, Exmouth 3; Clandown 0, Plymouth Argyle 0; Chippenham 3, Bristol City 0; Clevedon 0, Chard 0; Dawlish 1, Taunton 2; Frome 3, Radstock 3; Liskeard 3, Barnstaple 0; Saltash 3, Mangotsfield 1; Torrington 6, Minehead 2; *Weston-super-Mare 4, Paulton 2.*

Fourth division

Aldershot	0	Preston N-End	0
Cardiff City	0	Colchester Utd	2
Exeter City	1	Hereford Utd	0
Northampton	3	Cambridge Utd	0
Peterborough	3	Hartlepool Utd	1
Rochdale	1	Lincoln City	1
Torquay Utd	2	Scunthorpe Utd	2
Wolverhampton	4	Swansea City	0
Wrexham	1	Orient	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	34	25	7	2	83	33	82
Preston N-End	32	18	8	6	51	34	62
Southend Utd	33	18	5	10	52	37	59
Peterborough	34	14	10	10	47	37	52
Swansea City	32	14	10	8	44	39	52
Colchester Utd	35	15	6	14	53	48	51
Wolverhampton	35	14	7	14	47	44	49
Exeter City	33	11	15	7	42	31	48
Cambridge Utd	34	12	11	11	48	44	47
Orient	33	13	7	13	43	47	46
Aldershot	33	12	8	13	42	45	44
Wrexham	31	10	13	8	49	38	43
Crewe Alex	34	10	12	12	49	53	42
Cardiff City	31	10	11	10	32	35	41
Scunthorpe Utd	34	10	10	14	53	49	40
Tranmere Rvrs	34	9	13	12	46	58	40
Halifax Town	33	11	6	16	42	53	39
Lincoln City	33	10	8	15	36	48	38
Hereford Utd	33	9	9	15	43	46	36
Burnley	33	8	11	14	40	59	35
Hartlepool Utd	33	6	15	12	32	45	33
Stockport	31	7	9	15	25	48	30
Torquay Utd	31	5	14	12	37	51	29
Rochdale	29	4	13	12	27	43	25

ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior section: Brentwood 0, Stansted 0; Chelmsford 2, Eton Manor 1; Halstead 5, East Ham 0; Maldon 1, Canvey Island 2; Purfleet 3, Brightlingsea 0; Witham 5, Sawbridgeworth 0; Woodford 2, Bowers 1.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Town 3, Sharpness 0; Abingdon United 0, Rayners Lane 0; Bicester 1, Hounslow 3; Pegasus 1, Wallingford 2; Penhill 3, Morris Motors 0; Shortwood 4, Viking 4; Supermarine 3, Fairford 2; Thame 3, Moreton 4; Yate 1, Wantage 0.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Barkingside 1, Southwark 1 (aet). *Premier division:* Beaconsfield 0, Northwood 2; Beckton 0, Crown and Manor 0; Brimsdown 3, Ulysses 2; Danson 1, Yeading 5; Edgware 1, Corinthian Casuals 1; Hanwell 2, Southgate 2; Pennant 3, Amersham 1; Redhill 2, Waltham Abbey 0.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Crook 2, South Bank 2; Easington 1, Tow Law 2; Ferryhill 1, Blyth 2; Gretna 3, Spennymoor 3; Hartlepool 3, Consett 0; Peterlee 2, Bedlington 0; Whitby 2, Chester-le-Street 2.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: *First division:* Accrington Stanley 3, Kirkby 2; Bootle 1, St Helens 2; Clitheroe 2, Rossendale 2; Curzon Ashton 0, Burscough 2; Eastwood Hanley 2, Fleetwood 2; Glossop 1, Winsford 2; Leyland Motors 2, Leek 0; Netherfield 0, Stalybridge 3; Penrith 4, Congleton 1; Radcliffe 1, Irlam 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 1, Thackley 1; Bentley VW 1, Pontefract 3; Bridlington 2, Armthorpe 0; Eastwood Hanley 3, Boston 0; Emley 0, Bridlington Trinity 0; Farsley 1, Denaby 1; Long Eaton 0, Alfreton 0; North Ferriby 4, Guiseley 1.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League Cup: Third round: Seaford 0, Haywards Heath 0; Whitehawk 2, Pagham 1 (aet). First division: Arundel 4, Midhurst and Easebourne 0; Chichester 0, Burgess Hill 0; Horsham YMCA 2, Lancing 3; Hailsham 2, Wick 0; Littlehampton 0, Eastbourne Town 0; Portfield 1, Shoreham 2; Three *Bridges 3, Peacehaven and Telscombe 2.*

Scottish FA Cup

Fifth round

Clydebank	0	Dundee	4
Dundee United	2	Forfar	2
Hearts	1	Motherwell	1
Raith	0	St Mirren	2

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Celtic	0
Rangers	2	Hamilton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	35	24	6	5	68	19	54
Celtic	36	22	8	6	72	32	52
Dundee Utd	34	21	8	5	56	26	50
Aberdeen	36	18	12	6	52	23	48
Hearts	35	18	10	7	56	33	46
Dundee	33	13	8	12	48	41	34
St Mirren	35	10	9	16	29	41	29
Motherwell	35	8	10	17	35	54	26
Hibernian	35	8	10	17	32	55	26
Falkirk	34	6	6	22	26	58	18
Clydebank	35	5	8	22	29	78	18
Hamilton	35	5	7	23	31	74	17

Scottish first division

Airdrieonians	0	East Fife	0
Clyde	0	Dunfermline	1
Montrose	1	Kilmarnock	1
Morton	*1*	*Brechin City*	*0*
Queen of Sth	0	Partick	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	36	21	9	6	55	32	51
Morton	36	19	8	9	71	45	46
East Fife	36	12	18	6	52	45	42
Dumbarton	34	18	5	11	49	38	41
Airdrieonians	36	15	9	12	40	34	39
Kilmarnock	36	13	10	13	50	43	36
Forfar Ath	34	10	14	10	47	47	34
Partick	35	10	11	14	41	44	31
Clyde	34	8	14	12	35	42	30
Queen of Sth	36	10	10	16	43	52	30
Brechin City	35	8	7	20	33	62	23
Montrose	36	6	9	21	29	61	21

Scottish second division

Ayr United	1	St Johnstone	1
Berwick	1	Alloa Athletic	1
Cowdenbeath	3	Stranraer	3
Meadowbank	2	Arbroath	1
Stenhsmuir	0	Queen's Park	2
Stirling Alb	0	Albion Rovers	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Meadowbank	30	16	8	6	53	29	40
St Johnstone	31	14	11	6	53	40	39
Ayr United	31	16	7	8	53	42	39
Raith Rovers	29	12	14	3	57	34	38
Stirling Alb	30	13	11	6	39	26	37
Cowdenbeath	31	14	7	10	49	44	35
Alloa Athletic	30	14	6	10	41	39	34
Albion Rovers	31	11	9	11	38	43	31
Queen's Park	30	7	15	8	38	39	29
Stranraer	30	7	10	13	34	41	24
Arbroath	31	9	5	17	37	55	23
Stenhsmuir	31	6	9	16	27	48	21
Berwick	31	7	6	18	33	51	20
East Stirling	30	4	8	18	24	48	16

DURHAM CUP: Semi-final: Brandon 1, Coundon 2. Semi-final replay: Bishop Auckland 5, Ryhope CA 1.

NORTHUMBERLAND SENIOR CUP: Semi-finals: North Shields 3, Newcastle Blue Star 3 (aet); Whitley Bay 3, Newcastle United Reserves 3 (aet).

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Semi-final: Lewes 1, *Bognor Regis 2 (at Worthing FC).*

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 2, Desborough 1; Baldock 0, Potton 3; Bourne 0, Raunds 2; Brackley 2, St Neots 2; Eynesbury 0, Northampton Spencer 5; Irthlingborough 0, S and L Corby 4; Rothwell 1, Stotfold 1; Stamford 4, Ampthill 0; Wootton 2, Spalding 0. Postponed: Holbeach v Long Buckby.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley 2, Road Sea 0; Bournemouth 2, Portsmouth RN 1; Eastleigh 0, Newport 0; Havant 2, Lymington 1; Horndean 0, Totton 2; Romsey 1, Portals 2; Thatcham 3, Steyning 0; Wellworthy 2, Sholing 1.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Charterhouse 1, Hampton 1; Brentwood 2, Christ's Hospital 0.

Yesterday

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham 1, Redditch 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	1	1	1½	1½	1	1	1	1	1	1	● 3	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1½	● 3	1½	1	1	1	2	1½	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	● 3	1	● 3	1½	1	1½	1½	● 3	● 3	2	● 3	1½	● 3	1	● 3	● 3	1	1	2	1½	● 3	1	1½	● 3	● 3	● 3	1½	2

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CRICKET

Magnificent seven-year innings ends with West Indies on the run

From Richard Streeton, Christchurch, New Zealand

West Indies found concentration and fighting spirit impossible to summon as they crashed to defeat inside three days against New Zealand in the third and final Test match here yesterday. New Zealand's victory by five wickets was a misleading margin and disguised their total supremacy as they levelled the series. More significantly, the match brought proof that the seven-year dominance of Test cricket by West Indies has ended.

For the second time West Indies were unable to redeem a poor start. They resumed their second innings, with all 10 wickets in hand, still 197 runs behind and were dismissed for 264. New Zealand needed only 33 to win and got themselves in a terrible tangle before they did so.

It was an irrelevant period of play in some ways, though it contained a portent for the future. Walsh and Gray, the heirs apparent, were given the new ball and briefly brought panic to the New Zealand ranks. Chatfield and Hadlee, the men who wrecked West Indies' first innings, were made joint winners of the man of the match award.

The final result made nonsense of pre-game predictions, my own included, as the match followed its surprising pattern. When West Indies won the second Test the signs were that the professionalism and flair which have brought many triumphs for a decade would make certain that there was no faltering in the home straight. A stale and often lackadaisical side were unable to find the required motivation.

Lots of character and self-discipline were needed by West Indies if atonement was to follow that horrendous collapse for 100 on Friday when the match began a day late. It was not forthcoming.

Nothing, of course, can detract from the remarkable run of success West Indies have achieved during the 1980s. This was only their fifth defeat in 62 Tests played, starting with their win against Australia in the second Test at Melbourne on January 1, 1980. Two of these five defeats have come this "winter".

To dwell on West Indies' defeat is not to overshadow a splendid performance by New Zealand, whose own determined qualities have rarely been seen to better advantage.

Viv Richards was diplomatic afterwards almost beyond the call of duty. He congratulated New Zealand; he refused to criticize a pitch of uneven bounce and denied that the toss had any bearing on the match. His players might have been tired, he admitted, but they should have risen above that.

Richardson became Hadlee's 350th Test victim in his second spell. The situation called for a long, defensive innings but, the next batsman being Richards, that is not in his nature.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 100 (R J Hadlee 6 for 50, E J Chatfield 4 for 30).

Second Innings

C G Greenidge c Smith b Hadlee	16
D L Haynes c Horne b Chatfield	19
R B Richardson c M D Crowe b Hadlee	19
H A Gomes c Coney b M D Crowe	33
*I V A Richards c Smith b Snedden	38
A L Logie c J J Crowe b Snedden	19
†P J L Dujon c M D Crowe b Snedden	39
M D Marshall b Hadlee	45
J Garner c Wright b Snedden	11
A H Gray c M D Crowe b Snedden	3
C A Walsh not out	8
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 8)	14
Total	264

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-37, 3-80, 4-129, 5-133, 6-180, 7-237, 8-241, 9-255, 10-264.

BOWLING: Hadlee 23-2-101-3; Chatfield 16-3-42-1; Bracewell 7-0-34-0; Crowe 6-0-13-1; Snedden 18.3-2-68-5.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

J G Wright c Richards b Walsh	6
P A Horne c Richards b Garner	9
J J Crowe c Dujon b Gray	55
M D Crowe b Marshall	83
D N Patel c Dujon b Gray	0
*J V Coney run out	36
J G Bracewell c Haynes b Garner	66
R J Hadlee not out	25
†I D S Smith c Dujon b Garner	7
M C Snedden c Logie b Garner	7
E J Chatfield not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 2, w 1, nb 28)	37
Total (9 wkts dec)	332

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-23, 3-179, 4-180, 5-181, 6-270, 7-294, 8-307, 9-330.

BOWLING: Marshall 27-2-75-1; Garner 19-2-79-4; Walsh 24.5-3-78-1; Gray 17-4-47-2; Richards 9-3-29-0; Gomes 4-1-16-0.

Second Innings

J G Wright c Richards b Gray	2
P A Horne c Gray b Walsh	0
J J Crowe c Gray b Walsh	2
M D Crowe not out	9
D N Patel c Richardson b Walsh	9
*J V Coney c Gray b Garner	2
J G Bracewell not out	2
Extras (nb 7)	7
Total (5 wkts)	33

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-8, 3-13, 4-27, 5-30.

BOWLING: Walsh 5.1-0-16-3; Gray 4-1-14-1; Garner 1-0-3-1.

Umpires: G C Morris and S J Woodward.

India are poised to break monotony

From Qamar Ahmed, Bangalore

With the fifth and final Test match well poised to produce a decision, the monotony of drawn Test between India and Pakistan is at last going to be over.

India, facing a target of 221 runs to win, were 99 for the loss of four wickets in their second innings at stumps on the third day here, still needing 122 runs to win the match and the series: an uphill task, considering the state of the wicket, which has been helping the spinners from the first day and has totally deteriorated.

The off spinner, Tauseef Ahmed, and the left-arm spinner, Iqbal Qasim, who brought Pakistan back into the game on the second day, sharing five wickets each for 54 and 48 runs respectively to bowl India out for 145, restricting them to only 29 runs lead, appear menacing, but Sunil Gavaskar dropped anchor and is still at the crease with 51 unblemished runs.

As long as he is there India's chances of winning the Test on the fourth day after the rest day today will remain alive.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 116 (Salim Malik 33; Maninder Singh 7 for 27).

Second Innings

Ramiz Raja b Yadav	47
Javed Miandad c Srikkanth b Shastri	17
Rizwan-uz-Zaman b Shastri	1
Salim Malik b Kapil Dev	33
Iqbal Qasim c Srikkanth b Yadav	26
*Imran Khan c Srikkanth b Shastri	39
Manzoor Elahi c More b Maninder	8
Wasim Akram lbw b Maninder	11
†Salim Yousuf not out	41
Tauseef Ahmed c Yadav b Shastri	10
Saleem Jaffer c Gavaskar b Maninder	0
Extras (b 7, lb 8, nb 1)	16
Total	249

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-57, 3-89, 4-121, 5-142, 6-166, 7-184, 8-198, 9-249, 10-249.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 12-2-25-1; Maninder 43.5-8-99-3; Shastri 24-3-69-4; Yadav 15-3-41-2.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar b Tauseef	21
K Srikkanth b Tauseef	21
M B Amarnath b Tauseef	13
D B Vengsarkar c Manzoor b Tauseef	50
M Azharuddin c Manzoor b Qasim	6
R J Shastri c Malik b Tauseef	7
*Kapil Dev c Malik b Qasim	9
R M H Binny c Tauseef b Qasim	1
†K S More not out	9
N S Yadav b Qasim	0
Maninder Singh c Yousuf b Qasim	0
Extras (b 4, lb 4)	8
Total	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-56, 3-71, 4-102, 5-126, 6-130, 7-135, 8-137, 9-143, 10-145.

BOWLING: Imran 5-0-26-0; Wasim 2-0-9-0; Qasim 30-15-48-5; Tauseef 27-7-54-5.

Second Innings

K Srikkanth lbw b Wasim	6
S M Gavaskar not out	51
M B Amarnath c Yousuf b Wasim	0
D B Vengsarkar b Tauseef	19
†K S More lbw b Tauseef	3
M Azharuddin not out	7
Extras (b 12, lb 1)	13
Total (4 wkts)	99

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-64, 4-80.

BOWLING: Wasim 10-3-13-2; Tauseef 21-5-49-2; Qasim 13-6-24-0.

Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and Ram Babu Gupta.

SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

England good value for victory

By George Chesterton

England Under-15 2
W Germany Under-15 ... 0

Two second-half goals by Cole gave England a convincing win in the Nabisco Group Food Service Cup at Wembley on Saturday.

England responded to the support of 25,000 schoolboys by taking early command. Within two minutes Phillips had headed in. The goal was disallowed but the tone had been set. England dominated play in midfield. Walters had a long shot on target after 10 minutes and, after 15, Cordes turned a useful shot from Turner round the post. Walters and Turner combined well on the left and from defence Wright initiated some constructive moves.

The Germans defended well enough until half-time although Halstead came near when he lobbed a long shot just over the bar and the 6ft Phillips was always a threat at corners.

Three minutes into the second half Murray put over a superb cross from the right only for Cole to be blocked in front of goal. He made amends less than a minute later by scoring high into the corner from the edge of the penalty area. Thus encouraged he scored again 10 minutes later, heading in a hard cross from Walters.

The two sides meet again tonight at Anfield.

ENGLAND: J Winters; J Kavanagh, A Wright, J Phillips, C Halstead, A Cole, J Murray (sub, S Houghton), M Turner, M Ross, S Walters, L Crosby.

WEST GERMANY: R Cordes; J Steinebrenner, P Quallo, M Jung, M Ploessner, R Ewen, R Braun, O Bock, A Appel (sub, J Krammy), K Englemann (sub, T Gutberlet), D Lehmann (sub, A Mueller).

Referee: E Hannah.

TENNIS: DAVIS CUP OMENS WERE BAD FROM THE START

Altercation on an alien surface: Bates and Castle, of Britain, dispute a line call during their doubles match on shale

British feet are made of clay

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Mexico City

For the fourth time in six years Britain must win a play-off in order to stay in the 16-nation elite of the Davis Cup competition. This past weekend Mexico achieved an impregnable 3-0 lead at the cost of only two sets.

Britain never had cause for optimism. Their comparatively raw team had to play a mile and a half above sea level on an alien surface, shale (clay), and the tie began on Friday the thirteenth. That day a bunch of us took 80 minutes to reach the courts, finishing the journey on foot after a taxi had broken down within yards of a roadside grave. The omens were not good.

Francisco Maciel, who could not look more Irish without being Irish, served 13 aces while overpowering the inhibited Jeremy Bates. Andrew Castle had a chance to take charge of the second singles, against Leonardo Lavalle, but was not good enough to take that chance.

Lavalle and Jorge Lozano then beat Bates and Castle 6-2, 6-1, 7-9, 6-2 in the doubles, which was interrupted while Britain's team doctor attended to a spectator having an epileptic fit. Britain needed 17 break points, spread over six games, before achieving a break. They had a total of 25 break points but won only three: all in the third set.

Britain's failure to make more of their chances was the most disappointing feature of a tie that followed its expected course. The Mexican doubles pair, particularly Lozano, were the more inclined to hit hard and take initiatives. Britain's service returns, especially from Bates, were often so tentative that putting the ball away was a formality for Mexico. For two sets Bates could not do much right and Britain's effort was embarrassing.

In the third set Britain improved because Bates began to put more beef into his shots, because their use of the tandem formation gave Mexico more to think about, and because Lavalle and Lozano became edgy when on the point of wrapping up the match and the tie as a whole. Lozano was serving at 7-6 but Britain won four games at a cost of only five points. Then Mexico won five games in a row to restore the earlier pattern.

Castle's combative spirit and bold shot-making in singles and doubles earned him much praise. Predictably, it was not enough to affect the course of a tie between two teams who are not good enough to be secure in the "first division" but not bad enough to be out of it for long.

Paul Hutchins, Britain's captain, had no complaints, no excuses. "Somebody's got to win and somebody's got to lose," he said. "We were not good enough." He was satisfied with their fortnight of preparatory work but added: "We have got to play much more on clay."

British players and officials are obsessed with the difficulties of playing on clay instead of solving that problem by playing on it more often. There could be no arguing with Hutchins — nor with the Mexican captain, Raul Ramirez, who suggested that clay courts gave players a better grounding — mentally, technically and tactically — than grass.

"I was not confident," Ramirez said, "because the British team had a good preparation. They did what they had to do, except that when they went on court they were beaten." Ramirez and his team — the line judges, too — did an exemplary job.

The crowds made a joyously lively contribution to a sunny, festive occasion. Davis Cup ties mean a lot to a nation that is in many ways a tennis backwater. This was a proud weekend for Mexico.

Incidentally, most of the police on the premises were make-up, stylish hats and shoes with raised heels. They only got away with it because they were women.

RESULTS: Mexico lead Great Britain, 3-0: F Maciel bt J Bates, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5; L Lavalle bt A Castle, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Lavalle and Lozano bt Bates and Castle, 6-2, 6-1, 7-9, 6-2.

ICE SKATING

Character and skill in Witt's victory

From John Hennessy
Cincinnati

Longfellow's Queen City of the West restored the regal Katarina Witt, of East Germany, to the throne of women's figure skating in the Riverfront Coliseum on Saturday.

She reversed the tables on Debi Thomas, last year's winner of the world championship, with a brilliant performance at the end of a pulsating evening, confirming not only her class but also her character.

She took the ice with the reverberation of acclamation for Miss Thomas's pretty performance roaring in her ears, but the American's marks left some leeway. The title was there for the re-taking, and Miss Witt responded with four minutes of superb technical skill allied to a charm of presentation which bespoke her newly-acquired interest in stage drama.

The East German judge alone gave her the perfect mark of 6.0 for artistic impression, but this left no sour after-taste of national bias, rather disappointment that he was not joined by some others. Vanessa Riley, the British judge, gave Miss Witt 5.9 for technical merit and only 5.8 for artistic. But, then, she had spoken with an independent voice throughout the whole competition.

Miss Witt, the winner in 1984 and 1985, attempted five triple jumps and landed them all perfectly, even the difficult triple loop. Carlo Fassi, trainer of Caryn Kadavy, who won the bronze medal, rated Miss Witt's performance as the best he had ever seen from a woman, a rare and generous tribute from the mentor of four Olympic champions.

Joanne Conway, the 16-year-old British champion, rounded off a heartening first appearance at this level by jumping a place to tenth. That has the important effect of allowing us two entries in next year's world and Olympic championships.

FINAL RESULTS: Women: 1, K Witt (EG), 4.4pts; 2, D Thomas (US), 6.0; 3, C Kadavy (US), 7.4. British placing: 10, J Conway, 20.8. Ice dancing: 1, N Bestemianova and A Bukin (USSR), 2.4pts; 2, M Klimova and S Ponomarenko (USSR), 3.6; 3, T Wilson and R McCall (Can), 6.0. British placing: 13, S Jones and P Askham, 25.6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Murphy's charm needs a little help

By Keith Macklin

Alex Murphy believes that the lucky rabbit's foot or gypsy's charm he carries has taken him to his seventh Wembley Cup final as a player or coach. Yet one of his former clubs, Leigh, made it harder than expected in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final at Wigan.

After half-an-hour St Helens were leading 14-2 with three tries on the board, from McCormack, Arkwright and Platt. A goal from Loughlin gave Saints their 14 points.

In reply Leigh had managed a simple penalty goal from Johnson. Then, minutes before half-time, McCulloch squeezed in by the right-hand corner, Johnson kicked the goal and at 14-8 Leigh were back in the game. In the second half, Leigh took the game to St Helens, and the favourites became ragged and disjointed, but held on.

Before yesterday Wakefield Trinity had not won a match in the first division. With Widnes as opponents, they rattled in 34 points with five tries and seven goals before the half-time hooter sounded. The final score was 38-20 for Trinity. The Great Britain scrum half, Gregory, inspired Wigan's win at Halifax. With the sides locked at 8-8 in the second half, he ran 50 metres for the winning try.

Saturday

SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: St Helens 14, Leigh 8.

Yesterday

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow 20, Salford 26; Halifax 8, Wigan 12; Hull KR 14, Warrington 10; Leeds 28, Hull 22; Oldham 12, Bradford 8; Wakefield 38, Widnes 20. Second division: Bramley 16, Batley 6; Dewsbury 6, Sheffield 28; Doncaster 30, Workington 0; Hunslet 30, Fulham 4; Keighley 6, Mansfield 12; Runcorn 4, Carlisle 28; Swinton 22, Blackpool 8; York 15, Whitehaven 20.

Seoul countdown

The Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee has said it would invite more than 100 foreign sports figures and journalists in September as part of its publicity campaign for the 1988 Summer Games.

HOCKEY

Hounslow enjoy a field day

Hounslow had a field day against the Army in their 32nd annual match at Feltham School yesterday which they won 6-2, (Sydney Friskin writes).

Hounslow, having won 26 games in the series, went ahead within five minutes, Parmi Soor scoring from a centre. Jennings converted a penalty stroke to equalize just before half-time.

After the interval goals by Diamond, Mike Allcock, and Soor put Hounslow 4-1 ahead, with Jolly retaliating for the Army before Soor and Mike Allcock from a corner scored two more goals.

HOUNSLOW: D Brown; I Meakins, J Gordon, T Dhillon, C Osborn, C Allcock; P Smith, P Soor, M Allcock, T Diamond, M Rose.

ARMY: S/Sgt J Stone (RAOC); 2/Lt P Boxell (RAEC), Maj B Grossmith (RE), Lt P Frostick (REME), Capt M Banham (RMA Sandhurst), Capt N Gordon (RA), Capt I Jolly (RA), Cpl I Jennings (Inf), Cpl J Day (RAOC), Capt D Lawson (RMP).

● Guildford are top of the premier division of the Pizza Express London League after their 4-0 victory over Surbiton on Saturday.

ROWING

Oxford's struggle on the Tideway

By Jim Railton

Oxford were defeated by a lively Midlands crew on the Tideway on Saturday while Cambridge defeated an up-market University crew, who the week before beat Oxford in a head race.

Oxford were headed in four three-minute rows by the Nottinghamshire county eight, who will start second in the head of the river race on Boat Race day (March 28). The Midland cast included the world lightweight double sculls champion, Alan Whitwell, the British lightweight world silver medal winner in coxless fours, and two heavyweight British internationals. Oxford were able to hold on to these stars initially before they went out to just over a length lead in all but one row.

Cambridge thumped Reading University by 19sec between the University Stone and Hammersmith Bridge but only by one and two-third lengths from the bottom of Chiswick Eyot to Barnes Bridge. Reading were five seconds faster than Oxford the week before.

OXFORD: A D Ward (King's Chester and Oriel) bow; P Gish (Dartmouth US and Oriel); H M Pelham (St Edward's and Christ Church); *D H M Macdonald (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield); T A D Cadoux-Hudson (St Mary's Hospital and New College); G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham); R Hall (Wymondham, Robinson and Oriel); P F Gleeson (St Martin's Brentford and Hertford) stroke; A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol) cox.

CAMBRIDGE: *I R Clarke (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam) bow; R A B Spink (Sherborne and Downing); N J Gundy (St Edward's and Jesus); M J Brittin (Hampton and Robinson); *S M Peel (King's Chester and Downing); *P B Broughton (Southampton University and Magdalene); J R Garman (Shrewsbury and LMBC); *J S Pew (Stanford University US and Trinity) stroke; J M Wolfson (Eton and Pembroke) cox.

* A Blue

Wait ahead

Naum Salamanov, the world weightlifting champion, has been banned by the International Weightlifting Federation's management committee from all competitions until December.

IN BRIEF

Swimmers to return to national squad

Mark Foster and Jonathan Broughton are likely to hear today that they have been reinstated in Britain's international swimming training squad.

The British Amateur Swimming Federation have studied a report by the team manager, Gerry Thain, concerning the alleged indiscipline of the two swimmers during the winter training in Miami.

Alen victory

Markku Alen, driving a Lancia Delta HF4WD, recorded his fifth victory in the Portugese Rally yesterday. Jean Ragnotti (Renault 11 Turbo) was second and Kenneth Eriksson (VW Golf GTi) third.

Preece dies

Ivor Preece, aged 66, the former president of Coventry rugby club and Warwickshire Rugby Union, died on Saturday after being taken ill at the end of the game between Coventry and London Scottish. He was capped 12 times by England.

Penguins' first

The Penguins, the British invitation touring rugby club, have been asked to play in the Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank sevens at the end of this month (David Hands writes). They take the place of Malaysia, and will be competing in the tournament for the first time.

Ice record

Australia set a world ice hockey scoring record by beating New Zealand 58-0 in the World D Pool championship in Perth, Western Australia on Saturday.

Fast Herbert

Johnny Herbert had a convincing victory in the first round of the delayed Lucas British Formula Three championship at Thruxton yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GRENOBLE, France: Indoor Masters international pole vault tournament: 1, F Salbert (Fr), 5.90 m; 2, P Collet (Fr), 5.80; 3, E Bell (US).

COSFORD: Dairy Crest invitation indoor meeting (GB unless stated): Men: 60 metres hurdles: Men: 1, C Jackson, 7.52sec (UK and UK all-comers' record); 2, M McKoy (Can), 7.56; 3, T Campbell (US), 7.62. 600m: 1, S Heard, 1.17.62; 2, T Morrell, 1.17.69; 3, C Jenkins (US), 1.18.00. 1,000m: 1, P Elliott 2.20.29 (UK all-comers' record); 2, A Geddes 2.21.09; 3, R Moore (US), 2.22.08. Triple jump: 1, J Herbert, 16.43m; 2, D Falise (Bel), 15.83; 3, J Allison 15.50. 300m: 1, J Regis 33.22 sec (UK Commonwealth and all comers record); 2, C Daniel (US), 33.45; 3, K Lowery (US), 33.81. 200m: 1, D Reid, 21.50; 2, R Davis (US), 21.87; 3, P Goedluck 22.18. 2 Miles: 1, E Coghlan (Ire), 8.24.61 (UK allcomers' record); 2, P Donovan (Ire), 8.25.39; 3, M Rowland 8.26.67. Shot: 1, S Lolquist (US), 19.20m; 2, S Eriksson (US), 18.20; 3, G Savory 17.88. Women: 2 miles: 1, Y Murray, 9.36.85 (Commonwealth, UK and UK all-comers' record); 2, K Wood (Aus), 9.44.04; 3, S Crehan 10.08.64. 300m: 1, G Jackson (Jamaica), 37.55 (UK all-comers' record); 2, J Stoute, 38.43; 3, L Forsyth, 39.17. 60m hurdles: 1, L-A Skeete, 8.17; 2, K Hagger, 8.35; 3, K Robin-Millerchip, 8.38. 60m: 1, M Oakes-Page (Jam), 7.20; 2, W Hoyte, 7.43; 3, S Short, 7.55. Shot: 1, J Oakes, 18.17m; 2, A Hovi (Fin), 17.18; 3, M Lynes, 15.37m.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Indiana Pacers 116, Boston Celtics 109; New Jersey Nets 126, New York Knicks 121; Atlanta Hawks 113, Dallas Mavericks 105; Detroit Pistons 100, Chicago Bulls 99; Los Angeles Clippers 108, Seattle Supersonics 104.

NATIONAL TROPHY: Final: Oldham Celtics 111 (Cook 41), Just Rentals Rhondda 134 (Lawrence 51).

BRITISH MASTERS TROPHY: Second round, second leg: Friday: Sunderland 76ers 109, Murray Metals Livingston 128 (agg: 203-265); Falkirk 82, Calderdale Explorers 93 (agg: 159-198). Saturday: BCP London 102 (Kellybrew 28); Draper Tools Solent Stars 87 (Watson 26); Birmingham Heartbeat 97 (Shoulders 27); HFS Portsmouth 117 (Irish 28); BPCC Rams Derby 110 (Coe 36); Alphaprint Hemel & Watford 98 (Knuckles 30); Leicester Riders 141 (Vaughan 35); Aberdare 98 (Rand 46).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: GEAR 65, Cumnock 68; Falkirk 96, MIM 124; Magnum 86, Fair City 97; Glasgow Airport 95, Team Simpson Donald 52. Second division: Pentland 89, National Mutual 65, Dunfermline Barr Electrics 99, Edzell Stags 87. Women: Edinburgh Royals 108, Aztecs 35; Falkirk 46, MIM 73. Paisley 81, Dundee Wasps 37. Other match: Boroughmuir 82, Gateshead 85.

BOXING

FORLI, Italy: European featherweight title: V Nati (It) bt M Amand (Fr), rsc 2nd.

YACHTING

WORSASH: Spring series: First races: First division: Admiral's Cup contenders: 1, Turkish Delight (H Bazman); 2, Jamie M (M B Tatesall); 3, Giant Panda (Porter & Sheldon). Second division: IOR: 1, Insatiable (J N Bibby); 2, Ram-Snackle (D K Grimes); 3, Naut Feeling (C Ayns). Third division: Channel Handicap/1: 1, Brainstorm (C J Hornsey); 2, Taksman (M Stephens); 3, Brinn (R Macdonald). Fourth division: Channel Handicap/2: 1, Blue Air (R Goddard); 2, Celer (S Redman); 3, Blondie (R Lawton). Fifth division: Sigma 33: 1, Countdown (L Van Beek); 2, Knight Life (Mr & Mrs G Knight); 3, Joker (P Norbury). Sixth division: J24: 1, Sandiz (E B Warwick); 2, 24 Carat (M Wood); 3, Challenger (P Crump). Seventh division: Sonata: 1, The Mean Machine (D Harcknam); 2, Piccolo (Mr & Mrs R Thomas); 3, Cumurata (W St Cla a).

CYCLING

PARIS-NICE: Stage seven (Mandelieu to La Napoule, 65 miles): 1, L Fignon (Fr) 2hr, 38min 56 sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire), at 3sec; S Bauer (Can), same time; 4, J van der Brande (Bel), same time; 5, E Boyer (Fr), same time; 6, J Laguia (Sp), same time. British positions: 64, Sean Yates, at 15.44; 73, J McLoughlin, at 15:44; 88, P Watson, at 19:02 95; M Elliott, at 20:44. Final stage: Six mile time trial (Nice to the Col d'Eze): 1, S Roche (Ire) 19 min 47 sec; 2, S Kelly (Ireland) 19:57; 3, J Bernard (France) 20:06; 4, L Fignon (France), 20:57; 5, E Boyer (France) 21:14; 6, P Simon (France) 21:29. British positions: 8, R Millar 21:32. Final overall: 1, Kelly 31 hr 18 min 41 sec; 2, Bernard at 1 min 07; 3, Fignon 1 min 10; 4, Roche 1 min 17; 5, Boyer 2 min 01.

TIME TRIALS: Monmouthshire CL Hilly 25: 1, S Coles (Coldra), 1hr 1min 15sec (record). Team: Coldra, 3:10 9. Kettering Amateur Hilly 25: 1, I Butcher (Beds Roads), 1:3 10. Team: Chiltern RC, 3-17.37. Plymouth Corinthians 25: 1, P Vincent (Polytechnic CC), 55min 56sec. Walsall RCC (2-up) 25: 1, C Crabtree and W Elliott (Walsall RRC/Concorde RCC), 59.42. Ipswich BC (2-up) 25: 1, V Hames and M St Ledger (Leo rc), 1:06.35. Antelope RT (2-up) 25: 1, A Smith and P Dickason (Polytechnic CC), 54:57. Hainault RC 25: 1, R Sirring (Leo rc) 1hr 21min 28sec. Team: Southend County Wh, 4:26.23. Sussex CA (2-up) 25: 1, M White and S Barnes (Lewes Wanderers), 57-18. Kent CA (2-up) 25: 1, S Giles and M McGregor (Thanet RC), 59:26.

ROAD RACES: Halstead: Grand Prix of Essex (91 miles): 1, P Curran (Manchester Wh), 3hr 38min 07sec; 2, D Webster (Manchester Wh), at 39sec; 3, K Smith (Paragon RT), at 40sec. King of the Hills: D Rayner (Bradford Wh). Highgate CC Marlos Spring (64 miles): 1, J French (Anglia Sport), 2hr 40min. Featherstone RC (62 miles): 1, P Shaw (Bradford Wh) 2hr 37min. Keighley Velo (women, 30 miles): 1, L Revell (Port Sunlight Wh), 1hr 20min 15sec.

HOCKEY

CLUB MATCHES: Beeston 1, Belper 5; Blossomfield, GEC Stafford 3, Stanton 2; Finchfield 0, Shrewsbury 1; Leicester 2, Northampton 1; Loughborough 0, Egerton Park 1; Michelin 2, Sandbach 2; Northampton Saint 2, Banbury 1; Stafford 1, Sutton Coldfield 3; Walsall 0, Leek 4.

WILSON LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION: Cannock 4, Pickwick 0; Harborne 4, Westleigh 1; Redditch 0, Olton 2; Stourport 2, Derby 3; Wombourne 3, Chesterfield 3.

BUENOS AIRES: Friendship tournament: Third round: New Zealand 0, Spain 0; Australia 5, Argentina 0. Semi-finals: Spain 3, New Zealand 2; Argentina 2, Australia 2 (Argentina won 3-2 on penalties).

SUN LIFE WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: Saturday: Cheltenham 5, Exmouth 4. Yesterday: Cheltenham 1, Exeter Univ 0; Hereford 1, Marlborough 1.

WELSH CUP: Final: Whitchurch 4, Cardiff 3. Plate final: Bridgend 1, Llanishen 2.

SOUTH WALES LEAGUE: Premier division: Newport 1, Swansea 2.

SHOOTING

KINGSTON: County smallbore junior event: 1, Sussex 2,924 pts; 2, Middlesex 2,887; 3, Surrey 2,862. Individual: G Williams (Middlesex), A Cornish (Sussex) and M Cosh (Surrey) all 297.

SNOOKER

HULL: Rothmans Matchroom League: T Griffiths (Wal) drew with N Foulds (Eng), 4-4.

SQUASH RACKETS

PARIS: Guy Laroche French Open Championships: Men: Semi-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Kenyon (Eng), 15-8, 15-1, 15-8; R Norman (NZ) bt S Davenport (NZ), 15-11, 9-15, 15-8, 15-11. Final: Jahangir bt Norman, 17-16, 15-11, 15-6. Women: Semi-finals: S Devoy (NZ) bt M Le Moignan (Eng), 17-16, 15-8, 15-10; L Soutter (Eng) bt L Opie (Eng), 15-9, 15-4, 16-17, 13-15, 15-12. Final: Devoy bt Soutter, 15-12, 15-7, 15-10.

ROWING

PUTNEY: Women's Head of the River (from Mortlake): 1, ARA National Squad, 19min 17sec; 2, University of Cambridge, 19.41 (Winner of University Pennant); 3, Lea, 19.52 (Winner of Club Pennant); 4, Thames, 20.13; 5, Thames, 20.25; 6, Kingston, 20.43. Other Pennant Winners: 9, Lady Eleanor Holles, 21.00 (Under 18); 11, Star, 21.11 (Senior B); 16, Bristol University, 21.19 (Senior C); 17, Jesus college, Cambridg 21.22 (Novice).

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Open Singles Championship: First round: D C Johnson (Queen's) bt D Makey (Tonbridge), 15-5, 9-15, 16-15, 9-15, 15-11; C F Worlidge bt S Tulley (Charterhouse), 15-9, 15-6, 18-15; T S Whatley (Clifton) bt D V Watsons, 15-5, 10-15, 15-10, 15-7; J C Spurling bt J G Hughes, 15-11, 15-11, 15-12; W J Maltby bt P G C Mallinson, 15-2, 15-12, 15-8; T M Brudenell bt R Mason, 15-8, 15-5, 15-12; J C Feneley bt K Cook (Clifton), 15-4, 15-5, 15-1; J P Snow bt M Brooks, 15-3, 15-8, 14-17, 15-10; C J Hue Williams bt G Parsons (unattached), 15-7, 15-9, 15-9; P A Brake (Seacourt) bt D Barrett (Wellington), 15-4, 15-1, 15-2. Second round: Johnson bt Feneley, 15-4, 15-6, 15-11; Spurling bt Maltby, 18-14, 15-11, 15-2; Whatley bt T B Cockroft 15-5, 15-7, 15-3; Worlidge bt R H Sutton, 15-0, 15-4, 15-6; N A R Cripps (Eton) bt Brake, 10-15, 16-13, 15-5, 15-5.

QUEEN'S CLUB: Old Tonbridgian 50th anniversary match: J R Thompson and M C Connell bt M C Cowdrey and R M K Gracey, 15-12, 15-6, 15-11. Schools match: Tonbridge (J Loncley and J Nance) bt Eton (H Swinglehurst and R Smith-Bingham), 15-3, 15-3, 15-1, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

AMATEUR SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying rounds: Petworth: JB Cook bt SD Walker 6-3, 6-5; WJ Maltby bt WM Fairbarns 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; Cook bt Maltby 5-6, 6-1, 6-3. Manchester: RC Mather bt JP Tours 6-5, 1-6, 6-4.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New Jersey Devils 4, New York Islanders 1; Washington Capitals 10, Toronto Maple Leafs 2; Hartford Whalers 3, Winnipeg Jets 0; Vancouver Canucks 6, Buffalo Sabres 4.

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: Marley Tiles National Mixed Pairs indoor championship: Group One: Winners: Desborough. Group Two: Winner: Scunthorpe. Group Three: Winner: North Walsham. Group Four: Winners: Darlington. Group Five: Winner: Deangate Ridge. Group Six: Winner: Gallow. Group Seven: Winner: Wisbech. Group Eight: Winner: Thamesdown.

SKIING

VAIL, Colorado: World Cup downhill: 1, S Wolf (Austria), 1min 52.30sec; 2, L Graham (Can), 1.53.47; 3, M Wallner (Switz), 1.53.66; 4, R Mosenlechner (WG), 1.53.86; 5, E Kirchler (Austria), 1.53.91; 6, K Dadler (WG), 1.54.08; 7, B Oertli (Switz), 1.54.22; 8, A Wachter (Austria), 1.54.23; 9, C Zangerl (Austria), 1.54.25; 10, V Schneider (Switz), 1.54.48; 11, B Gainer (Switz), 1.54.51; 12, H Zurbriggen (Switz), 1.54.56; 13, M Vost (WG), 1.54.59; 14, B Sadler (Austria), 1.54.70; 15, K Percy (Can), 1.54.75. 16, Friday: 1, S Wolf (Austria), 1min 49.79sec; 2, E Kirchler (Austria), 1:49.99; 3, P Fletcher (US), 1:50.74. Leading final downhill standings: 1, M Figini (Switz), 93; 2, Wallner, 90; 3, Graham, 88; 4, Mosenlechner, 71; 5, Wolf, 61; 6, M Kiehl (WG). World Cup: 1, Schneider, 247pts; 2, Walliser, 239; 3, Oertli, 188; 4, E Hass (Switz), 165; 5, Figini, 140; 6, T McKinney (US), 127 7.

CANMORE, Alberta: Men's World Cup downhill: 1, P Mueller (Switz), 1min 44.32sec; 2, F Heinzer (Switz), 1:46.15; 3, D Mahrer (Switz), 1:46.18; 4, K Alpiger (Switz), 1:46.24; 5, R Boyd (Can), 1:46.33; 6, L Stock (Austria), 1:46.70; 7, S Wildgruber (WG), 1:47.05; 8, A Skaardal (Nor), 1:47.09; 9, D Sbardellotto (It), 1:47.36; 10, H Hoeflehner (Austria), 1:47.50; 11, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 1:47.67; 12, G Oehrli (Switz), 1:47.69; equal 13, S Niedersser (Austria), B Stemmle (Can), 1:47.71; 15, F Belczyk (Can), 1:47.99. British position: 18, M Bell, 1:48.29. Final overall: 1, Zurbriggen, 125 pts; 2, Mueller, 105; 3, Heinzer (Switz), 90; 4, Wasmeier (WG), 83; 5, M Mair (It), 82; 6, Alpiger, 79. World Cup: 1, Zurbriggen, 319 points; 2, Wasmeier, 174; 3, J Gaspoz (Switz), 145; 4, M Girardelli (Lux), 140; 5, R Pramotton (It), 138; 6, I Stenmark (Swe), 135.

SKI JUMPING

PLANICA, Yugoslavia: World Cup event: O Fidjestoel (Nor), 186.00m; 2, M Zupan (Yugo), 182.00; 3, P Fijas (Pol), 180.50; 4, M Tepes (Yugo), 180.00; 5, V Opaas (Nor), 178.00; 6, A Bauer (WG), 175.50.

NORDIC SKIING

LENINGRAD: Men's World Cup combined event: 1, V Savin (USSR), 418.650 pts; 2, H Weinbuch (WG), 416.525; 3, T Muller (WG), 411.875; 4, H Schwarz (WG), 411.210; 5, A Dundukov (USSR), 410.800; 6, H Pohl (WG), 405.420. Overall: 1, T Lokken (Nor), 140 pts; 2, H Kempf (Switz), 90; 3, H Schwartz, 78; 4, H Weinbuch 77; 5, T Muller, 76; 6, A Levandi, 73. Teams: 1, Norway 459; 2, West Germany, 402; 3, Soviet Union, 342. Women's World Cup event: 1, M Matikainen (Fin), 28:54.8; 2, A Reztsova (USSR), 29:00.2; 3, M Westin (Swe), 29:00.7; 4, R Smetanina (USSR), 29:04.0; 5, Jahren (Nor), 29:06.2; 6, P Maata (Fin), 29:21.4. World Cup: 1, Matikainen 127 pts; 2, Reztsova, 97; 3, Dahimo, 93; 4, Westin, 85; 5, A Boe (Nor), 61; 6, E Kratzer (Switz), 60.

HORSE TRIALS

WESTON PARK: Croft Original trials: Advanced 1: Night Cap (V Leng), 48; 2, Morag (S Cotton), 57; 3, Middle Road Owner (N Mcirvine), 57. Advanced 2: 1, Charlie Brown (I Stark), 51; 2, Murphy Himself (V Leng), 53; 3, Sir Wattie (I Stark), 54.

DYNES HALL (Essex): MacConnal-Mason Mercedes Advanced Class: 1, L Green (Willy B), 48 pts; 2, M Todd (Michaelmas Day), 53; 3, L Green (Regal Realm), 53. Open Intermediate: 1, L Green (Miss Lincoln), 41; 2, L Thompson (Red Gold), 41; 3, D Cappell-Manners (Tivoli Garden), 43. Intermediate: 1, M Taylor (Formidable), 54; 2, L Hollis (Glenstone Boy), 60; 3, A Nicholson (Fostan), 61.

SPEED SKATING

INZELL, West Germany: Golden Skate meeting: Women (Friday): 3,000 metres: 1, Y van Gennip (Neth), 4min 27.95sec; 2, M Stam (Neth), 4:34.98; 3, F Moolhuizen (Neth), 4:37.18. 1,000 metres: 1, B Blair (US), 1:20.78; 2, C Aaftink (Neth), 1:22.51; 3, I Haringa (Neth), 1:23.03. Men's World Cup finals (Saturday): 1,500m 1, H Vergeer (Neth), 1min 54.39sec; 2, H Magnusson (Swe), 1:55.28; 3, M Hadschieff (Austria), 1:55.81. Final standings: 1, Magnusson, 122 pts; 2, Hadschieff, 121; 3, Vergeer, 117. 500 metres: 1, A Kuroiwa (Japan), 37.13sec; 2, N Thometz (US), 37.18; 3, S Fokichev (USSR), 37.41. Final standings: 1, Thometz, 202; 2, Kuroiwa, 196; 3, D Jansen (US), 155. 10,000m: 1, G Karlstad (Nor), 14:22.51; 2, M Hadschieff (Austria), 14:26.57; 3, G Kemkers (Neth), 14:35.92. Final standings: 1, Karlstad, 172; 2, Hadschieff, 143; 3, L Visser (Neth), 131.

CRICKET

HOBART: MCDONALD'S CUP: Final: South Australia 325 for 8 (G Bishop 118, W B Phillips 75); Tasmania 239 for 9 (D Buckingham 56).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton 9, Urmston 11, Boardman and Eccles 8, Heaton Mersey 24; Mellor 5, Cheadle 12; Old Hulmeians 12, Old Stopfordians 5.

STOCKPORT CUP: Final: Old Stopfordians A 2, Wilmslow 21.

EDINBURGH: Home international tournament: Wales 7, Scotland 6.

CRYSTAL PALACE: England 8, England Reserves 1.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP (home names first): World group: Prato: Sweden beat Italy 3-2 (P Cane bt M Pernfors, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4; M S Colombo lost to M Wilander, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0; Cane/Colombo lost to Wilander/A Jarryd, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; Colombo lost to Jarryd, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; Cane lost to Wilander, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5). Barcelona: Spain beat West Germany 3-2 (E Sanchez lost to B Becker, 4-6, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6; S Casal bt E Jelen, 6-4, 6-6, 7-9, 6-3, 6-4; E Sanchez/Casal lost to Becker/Jelen, 5-7, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6; E Sanchez bt E Jelen, 6-6, 6-3, 6-2; S Casal bt Becker, 6-2, 0-6, 6-2, 6-3). Marcq-en-Baroeul: France beat S Korea 5-0 (T Tulasne bt Kim Bong-Soo, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; G Forget bt Jin Sun-Yoo, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; Forget/Benhabiles bt Song Dong-Wook/Yoo Jin-Sun, 4-6, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 10-8; Tulasne bt Jin Sun-Yoo, 6-3, 6-3; Forget bt Kim Bong-Soo, 6-4, 7-5). Hradec Kralove: Czechoslovakia lost to Israel, 3-2 (M Mecir lost to A Mansdorf, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 3-6; M Srejber lost S Glickstein, retired hurt; Mecir/Smid bt Glickstein/Mansdorf, 6-2, 4-6, 6-6, 6-6; Mecir bt Glickstein, 6-8, 6-1, 6-2; K Novacek lost to Mansdorf, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-0). New Delhi: India bt Argentina, 3-2 (V Amritraj bt H de la Pena, 9-7, 6-3, 6-3; V Amritraj/A Amritraj lost to C Miniussi/J Frana, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-6; V Amritraj bt M Jaite, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-6, 6-2; R Krishnan bt H de la Pena, 6-4, 7-5, 6-6). Adelaide: Australia bt Yugoslavia 4-1 (P Cash bt B Oresar, 9-7, 6-4, 7-5; W Masur lost to S Zivojinovic, 6-8, 6-8, 9-7, 12-10; Cash/Doohan bt S Zivojinovic/J Flego, 9-11, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; Masur bt Oresar, 6-6, 6-2, 6-1; Cash bt Zivojinovic, 6-8, 7-6, 6-0). Asuncion: Paraguay level with United States, 1-1 (H Chapacu lost to A Krickstein, 7-5, 3-6, 1-6, 6-4, 4-6; V Pecci bt J Arias, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Eastern Zone: Colombo: Philippines bt Sri Lanka, 5-0; Pakistan bt Bangladesh, 5-0; Peking: China bt Indonesia, 4-1.

African group: Nairobi: Zimbabwe bt Kenya, 5-0.

MARCO ISLAND, United States: Women's Team Championship doubles tournament: Final: W Turnbull (Aus) and C Lloyd (US) bt L McNeil (US) and B Bunge (WG), 6-1, 7-5.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; middle runs, runs complete, new snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, new snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1800ft; snow level, 2000ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 1900ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, slight snow; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: mainly dry with sunny periods; becoming cloudy, later in afternoon with outbreaks of snow around midnight; light and variable winds; freezing level, 1000ft. Outlook for tomorrow: cloudy with outbreaks of snow dying out in afternoon followed by colder, brighter weather and showers.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

MOTOR RALLYING

NORTH WALES: Skip Brown rally: 1, M Wilson (MG Metro), 88min 35sec; 2, D Gillanders (MG Metro), 93.51; 3, A Edwards (Ford Escort), 95.31; 4, I Roberts (Opel Manta), 95.49; 5, J Churchill (Porsche Carrera), 96.04.

MARATHON

BARCELONA: International event (from Catalunya): Men: 1, P Wahn (Swe), 2hr 13min 59sec. Women: C Alonso (Sp), 2:43.25.

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VOLLEYBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE: Royal Bank of Scotland National Cup Finals: Men: Under-15: Malory 2, Lycée Français 0. Under-16: Portsmouth Heatseal 3, Atlas Wessex 1. Junior: Portsmouth Heatseal 3, Atlas Wessex 2. Senior: Malory 3, Redwood Lodge 0. Under-15: Alderman Derbyshire 1, Portsmouth Heatseal 2. Women: Under-16: Alderman Derbyshire 2, Greenhill 3. Junior: Portsmouth Heatseal 3, Bradford Mythbrakers 0. Senior: Sale 3, Ashcombe 0. Senior: Sale bt Ashcombe, 15-8, 15-10, 16-14.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

ESFA UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England v West Germany (at Liverpool FC).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leicester City v Manchester City. Second division: Bolton v Preston.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham v Wealdstone.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Mossley v Goole.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Aylesbury; Corby v Dartford.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Croydon v Harrow; Walthamstow v Hendon. First division: Stevenage v Boreham Wood.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Pembroke County (7.0); Cheltenham v Gloucester (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Neath (7.15); Maesteg v Tumble (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British women's indoor championships (at Auchinloch, Scotland).

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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ked on crime: Dunny (Brian Cox, left) pictured with Harry (David Fleming) in Shoot for the Sun (BBC1, 10.10pm)

Doped in an urban wasteland

CHOICE

● "What a waste of an entrance," mutters Geordie (Jimmy Nail) after taking an axe to a front door, only to find those inside senseless on drugs. **Shoot for the Sun** (BBC1, 10.10pm) shows life at the street end of the heroin trade, its vicious circles and violent endings. It was filmed in Edinburgh with an eye for the seedy poetry of urban bleakness. In such a wasteland, it's faces not the buildings that get redesigned, and a broken nose is a badge of honour. In a world of only contenders or losers (winners leave), Geordie and Dunny (Brian Cox) haven't a chance. They take to drug dealing, with a London connection and everything, but Dunny is given to drunken self-recrimination: "What do I care? Me, I don't care. Just me and myself's becoming bad company."

"Ach, turn yer light out," he's told. Peter McDougall's laconic script moves expertly through a milieu of lethal drugs and hard, dangerous drinking where any morality other than a dubious loyalty is eventually forgotten in the stupour of alchohol, oblivion of drugs or threat of violence. Yet out of this *pas-de-deux* of aggression and self-destruction emerges a desperate tenderness and humour. The result is tough, strangely romantic, though never glamorous, draws no conclusions (it is not about social conscience) and comes very close, though more realistic in style, to a kind of urban American cinema best represented in recent years by Martin Scorsese's *Mean Streets*. For once, script, cast and direction are all a match for each other.

● "I did not go into general practice for the good of my health," says John Wells's dubious doctor in **Rude Health** (Channel 4, 9.30pm), a new comedy series. "Nor for anyone else's, I'd imagine," comes the tart reply. *Rude Health* operates primarily as a class comedy with Wells's crusty doctor sucking up to anyone higher up the ladder (ie potential private patients) while beating down those beneath. There are no signs yet of the the kind of inspired social snobbery that could drive Basil Fawlty into such a frenzy, but there are suggestions that they might yet come.

Chris Petit

Triple trouble in the surgery: Paul Mari, John Wells and John Bett star in a new comedy Rude Health (Ch4, 9.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.55 **Weather.**

7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 **Watchdog. 8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05 Day to Day.** Robert Kilroy-Silk, his guests, Melissa Sadoff and Irma Kurtz, and the studio audience, discuss 'how to be an ideal woman' **9.45 Parent Programme.** Incontinence in mothers and children.

10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Presented by Phillip Schofield. **10.30 Play School.** (r) **10.50 Paddington.** (r)

10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Hannah Gordon with a thought for the day. **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Gardeners' World in Italy.** Roy Lancaster visits the Villa Taranto, overlooking Lake Maggiore. (r) **11.35 Open Air.** Includes news and weather at 12.00.

12.20 **The Tom O'Connor Roadshow.** Variety show from Port Talbot. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Maria receives flowers from a stranger **1.50 Hokey Cokey.** (r)

2.05 **Ironside.** The wheelchair-bound detective investigates the case of a strangler who specialises in elderly victims. (r) **2.55 Music Match.** Music quiz presented by Barry Cryer. With Liza Goddard and Willie Rushton **3.25 Valerie.** American sit-com starring Valerie Harper.

3.50 **The Amazing Adventures of Morph,** introduced by Tony Hart. (r) **4.00 Postman Pat.** (r) **4.15 Captain Caveman** (r) **4.25 Jackanory.** Tom Baker with part one of Ted Hughes's The Iron Man. (r) **4.35 The Mysterious Cities of Gold.** Animated adventure series.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter.** (Ceefax) **5.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.**

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.**

7.35 **Head of the Class.** American comedy series starring Howard Hesseman as Charlie Moore a teacher in charge of a class of gifted but socially obnoxious young people.

8.00 **Wildlife on One. Nautilus - 500 Million Years Under the Sea.** David Attenborough presents a profile of the Nautilus, a native of Pacific coral reefs and a relative of octopus and squids. (Ceefax)

8.30 **Don't Wait Up.** Comedy series starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son medical men - both with marital problems. (Ceefax)

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 **Panorama: Austin Rover - Breakthrough of Breakdown?** Fred Emery assesses the options confronting Rover chairman, J Graham Day, as he plans the privatization of the company.

10.10 **Shoot for the Sun,** by Peter McDougall. A drama starring Jimmy Nail and Brian Cox about two ex-jailbirds who decide there is a fortune to be made selling heroin. (Ceefax) (see Choice)

11.35 **The World of UB40.** The Smiths of Peterlee continue to live in the shadow of unemployment.

11.50 **Weather.**

Trouble and strife: A shock for Cyril (Philip Whitchurch) as his ex-wife (Vicky Ogden) returns. The Brothers McGregor (ITV, 8pm)

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University:** Maths - Tutor-Marked Assignments. Ends at **7.20.**

8.55 **The Week in the Lords.** (r)

9.38 **Daytime on Two:** taxes and benefits **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Music: Hary Janos, part one **10.38** Small creatures that eat plants **11.00** Paul Cola explores Vancouver **11.22** Walrus **11.45** Tutorial topics - appearances; and fame.

12.08 An Italian language version of the programme about an Alfa Romeo shop steward **12.40** Abortion **1.05** Micro Live **1.38** The impact of new technology **2.00 News** and weather. **2.02** The story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff **2.17** Old and new Blackpool.

2.35 **See Hear.** (r)

3.00 **News** and weather.

3.03 **The Ascent of Man.** Part 11 of Dr Bronowski's personal view of the history of Mankind. (r)

3.50 **News,** regional news and weather.

4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** The presentation of the Broadcasting Press Guild Awards.

5.05 **Detection on Stage.** Crime writer Simon Brett talks about how he combines humour and crime in his novels.

5.30 **Did You See..?** A revised version of yesterday's programme on which comment was passed on Heart of the Country, Tuttie Frutti, and Promises and Piecrust.

6.00 **Film: The Ambushers** (1968) starring Dean Martin, Senta Berger, and Janice Rule. Super-agent Matt Helm investigates the hijacking of a new type of spacecraft, unaided by the pilot who has developed amnesia. Directed by Henry Levin.

7.40 **Open Space: All People Great and Small.** This first of a new series profiles Dr John, and his nurse wife, Helen, whose practice covers 250 square miles of the North Yorkshire Dales.

8.10 **Horizon: To Engineer is Human.** A documentary that examines why engineering can never be an exact science. With Professor Henry Petroski of Duke University, North Carolina, describing the myriad ways in which structures can fail.

9.00 **French and Saunders.** Comedy sketches from Dawn and Jennifer, aided and abetted by Raw Sex, and, this week, Roy Castle.

9.30 **Moonlighting.** The principals of the Blue Moon Detective Agency are on the trail of a woman's secret admirer in order to prevent a killing.

10.15 **Hello Mum.** Off-beat comedy sketches.

10.45 **Newsnight 11.30 Weather.**

11.35 **Telejournal.** A newscast from Italy's RA3 channel.

12.00 **Open University:** Poetry - Language and History. Ends at **12.30.**

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6.15 **TV-am** introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35.** After Nine guests include Miriam Stoppard.

9.25 **Thames news headlines.**

9.30 **Schools:** Gulliver's Travels, part three **9.47** Clay figures **9.59** Learning to read with Bill Oddie **10.11** The natural history of ordinary surroundings **10.28** How a girls' magazine responds to readers' problems **10.45** German for 13- to 15-year-olds **11.07** Simple number concepts **11.19** Science: shape and strength **11.41** The interpretation of a story on television and on the news.

12.00 **Flicks.** (r) **12.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale of The Scaredy Cat.

12.30 **A Woman's World.** The story of Teresa, a Philippino woman who has been working in London for eight years. Last in the series.

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**

1.30 **Film: The Whisperers*** (1967) starring Edith Evans and Eric Portman. A drama about an old, lonely lady, deserted by her husband, who spends her time talking to disembodied voices she hears in her flat. Directed by Bryan Forbes. **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 **Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children **4.10 Batfink.** (r) **4.20 How Dare You!** Slapstick fun and games **4.35 Roadrunner. 4.45 The Secret World of Polly Flint.** The story of a young girl who lives in a world of her own. Starring Katie Reynolds, Brenda Bruce, and Don Henderson. (Oracle)

5.15 **Connections.**

5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with community action news.

7.00 **Wish You Were Here...?** Judith Chalmers reports from Kuala Lumpur; Anneka Rice from Llandrindod Wells; and Chris Kelly from Austria's lake district. (Oracle)

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Bet wonders if Alec Gilroy can put his money where his mouth is. (Oracle)

8.00 **The Brothers McGregor.** Comedy series about two half-brothers who run a second-hand car lot. (Oracle)

8.30 **World in Action: The British Connection.** How Britain, by ignoring the Italian authorities pleas over the past five years to arrest Mafia leader, Francesco di Carlo, cost the lives of a string of Italian police officers.

9.00 **Intimate Contact.** Part two of the drama serial about a British businessman who contacts Aids after a night with a New York prostitute, and the effect this has on his wife, family, and friends. Starring Claire Bloom and Daniel Massey. (Oracle)

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather, followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **Celebrating St Patrick 87.** Henry Kelly introduces a line-up of Irish artists to entertain on St Patrick's night, among those appearing at the Opera House, Belfast, are The Nolans and Roy Walker.

11.30 **Promises and Piecrust.** Why are there fewer people in higher education in Britain than in any other advanced country?

12.00 **Hammer House of Horror: The Silent Scream.** A released prisoner finds himself in a place worse than jail. Starring Peter Cushing. (r)

12.55 **Night Thoughts.**

Ship-shape and saddle fashion: Anneka Rice takes the reins on a trot through Llandrindod Wells in Wish You Were Here? (ITV, 7pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.00 **The Late Late Show.** A special St Patrick Day's edition. Gay Byrne's guests are Charles Haughey, The Dubliners, U2, The Pogues, Jim McCann, Luke Kelly, Christy Moore, The Furey Brothers and Davey Arthur, and Stockton's Wing.

3.30 **Irish Angle.** This last programme of the series investigates the financial fiddles surrounding the EEC's Common Agricultural Policy.

4.00 **Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson in conversation with and listening to the music of cellist Paul Tortelier.

4.30 **Countdown.** Derek Roddis from Sheffield is today's challenger.

5.00 **Hogan's Heroes.** Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life difficult for their German captors.

5.30 **The Abbott and Costello Show*** Lou meets his dream girl in a cafe.

6.00 **Back to the Roots.** In this penultimate programme of Richard Mabey's series on the history of traditional British plants he talks to enthusiasts who preserve our heritage of plant varieties. (r) (Oracle)

6.30 **Education Extra.** Weekly magazine programme on the subject of education, presented by Jill Cochrane.

7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons includes a report on a new whooping cough vaccine unavailable in this country but safer, say the Japanese, than any existing treatment.

7.50 **Comment** followed by Weather.

8.00 **Brookside.** Doreen visits Billy in Tunbridge Wells and is disgusted; and Pat and Terry are surprised when they are visited by a pregnant woman

8.30 **Chateauvallon - Fortune and Power.** Episode 8 of the French drama serial about the rivalry between two powerful French families.

9.30 **Rude Health.** The first of a new seven-part comedy series starring John Wells, John Bett, and Paul Mari as three doctors in general practice in the Home Counties. (see Choice)

10.00 **Hill Street Blues.** Joyce Davenport's life is in jeopardy when she learns of a plot to assassinate the mayor; and Sgt. Stan Jabolski is plagued by obscene telephone calls. (Oracle)

10.55 **The Eleventh Hour: Red Skirts on Clydeside.** The story of the 1915 Glasgow Rent Strike. Followed by **In Nomine Domini.** Comments made by churchmen over the centuries concerning women. (r) Followed by **Women of the Rhondda.** Four Rhondda women talk about their part in the 1926 strike. (r)

12.05 **Their Lordships' House.** Ends at **12.25.**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Red Skies of Montana* **3.15-3.30** Cartoon **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Survival **10.30** Anglia Reports **11.00** Celebrating St Patrick **12.00** Promises and Piecrust **12.30am** I shall Always Remember, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Too Many Chefs **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Side by Side **3.10-3.30** Apple Dolls 6.00-6.35 **News** 10.30 **ECO** 11.00 **Celebrating St Patrick** 12 00 **Promises and Piecrust** 12.30am **Jobfinder** 1.30 **Closedown.**

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film: Why Not Stay for Breakfast? **5.15-5.45** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Horses for Courses **8.00-8.30** Frocks on the Box **12.00** Prizewinners **12.30am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Gasbags* **2.55** Young Doctors **3.30** Smurfs **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **12.00** Living and Growing **12.30am** News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Scramble! **2.00** Film: Cup of Kindness* **3.30-4.00** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Scramble! **10.30** Under Fire **11.00** Celebrating St Patrick '87 **12.00** In Search of the Real Dracula **12.25am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Land of the Pharaohs* **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Extra Time **11.15** Celebrating St Patrick **12.15am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **9.30am-9.45** Looking Forward **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30-11.30** Celebrating St Patrick **11.30-12.30am** Quincy.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Live at One-Thirty **2.00** Film: Letters from Frank **3.45-4.00** Trang Trang **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Scotland's Story **12.00** Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: The Whisperers **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **10.32** Callback on AIDS **1.37** Jazz Cafe **11.05** Celebrating St Patrick **12.05** Callback Rports, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film Fanny by Gaslight* **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Horses for Courses **12.00** Prizewinner **12.30am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30** Film: Harry and Walter Go to New York **3.20-3.30** Home Cookery **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits **11.30** Magnum **12.30am** Portrait of a Saint, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30** Film: Artists and Models **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Spellbound **11.00** Celebrating St Patrick **12.00** Portrait of a Legend **12.25am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Film: Wild Women of chastity Gulch **3.20** Home Cookery **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Sounds Good **10.30** Calendar Commentary **11.00** Celebrating St Patrick **12.00** Portrait of a Legend **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.50** Interval **12.30** Film: Dead Men Are Dangerous* **1.45** Hand in Hand **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Late, Late Show **3.30** All Stitched UP **4.05** Llunlau Dydd Llun **4.20** Foltron **4.45** Chwarter Call **5.00** Car 54, Where are You? **5.30** World at War **6.30** Mavis on 4 **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arlunwyr **8.00** Byd ar Bedwar **8.30** Drannoeth y Ffair **9.00** Relative Strangers **9.30** Cheers **10.00** A-Z of C & W **11.00** Chateauvallon **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 1

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Simon Mayo **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Tom Robinson **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks at 6.31am, 7.31, 8.31, 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Vince Hill 5.05 Chris Serle 7.00 Alan Bell with Dance Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with Jazz on record 10.00 The Monday Movie Hour and at 10.30 Great Movie Musical Directors — Michel Legrand 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Patrick Lunt 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

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6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 7.30 Jude the Obscure 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Wind in the Willows 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Peebles' Choice 10.00 News 10.01 Not So Long Ago 10.30 The Vintage Chart Show 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Catch the Wind (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Hoax 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 1.30 Just a Little Ol' Tune 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Hotel du Lac 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Not So Long Ago 3.45 King of Swing 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Here's Health! 4.30 Performing Early Music 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours: News 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Performing Early Music 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Here's Health! 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Just a Little Ol' Tune 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Short Story 1.45 Here's Health! 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Loved by the Gods (until 4.45) 5.45 The World Today. All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only). Renaissance Portraiture.

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert. Berlioz, Overture: Benvenuto Cellini (BBC SO under Sir Colin Davis); Schubert, Erlkönig (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Gerald Moore); Barthe, Passacaille (Albion Wind Ensemble); Saint-Saëns, Mon coeur s'ouvre à ta voix (Maria Callas, FNO under Georges Prêtre); Rimsky-Korsakov, Suite: The Golden Cockerel (SNO under Neeme Jarvi).

8.00 News

8.05 Gounod, Ballet music from Faust (BTO under Rozhdestvensky); Ravel, Foxtrot from L'enfant et les sortilèges (Marie Lise de Montmollin, mezzo-soprano; Hugues Cuènod, tenor; SRO under Ernest Ansermet; Tchaikovsky, Pas d'action from Swan Lake, Act II (Joseph Silverstein, violin; Jules Askin, cello; BSO under Seiji Ozawa); Stravinsky, Suite: The Firebird (BBC SO under Pierre Boulez).

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composer: Jean-Baptiste Lully. Psyché (Air de trompette); Alceste (Felicity Palmer, mezzo-soprano; Bruce Brewer, tenor; Max van Egmond, bass; Raphael Passaquet Vocal Ensemble; La Grande Ecurie et La Chambre du Roy under Jean-Claude Malgoire).

10.00 Elizabeth Maconchy. Epyllion for cello and strings (Christopher van Kampen; Orchestra of St John's, Smith Square under John Lubbock); Symphony for double string orchestra (LSO under Vernon Handley); Ariadne (Heather Harper, soprano; ECO under Raymond leppard).

11.05 Cello and Piano. Raphael and Peter Wallfisch play Janacek's Pohadka, Schubert's Sonata in A minor (D 821) (Arpeggione), Bartok's Rhapsody No 1.

11.50 BBC WSO, under Grant Llewellyn, play Haydn's Symphony No 69 in C and Dvorak's Symphony No 5 in F.

1.00 News

1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert Janina Fialkowska (piano). Mendelssohn, Fantasy in F sharp minor, Op 28; Beethoven, Sonata in A flat, Op 110; Schumann, Faschingsschwank aus Wien, Op 26.

2.05 Music Weekly.

2.50 New Records. Elgar, Contrasts Op 10, No 3 (Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox); Vaughan Williams, Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus (LPO under Bryden Thomson); Byrd, Agnus Dei (choir of St John's College, Cambridge under George Guest); Purcell, Voluntary in D minor (Simon Preston, organ); Britten, Rhapsody (Endellion String Quartet); Colin Matthews, Cello Concerto (Alexander Baillie, London Sinfonietta under John Carewe); George Lloyd, Symphony No 7 (BBC PO); Lord Berners, Fugue (RLPO under Barry Wordsworth).

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Mainly for Pleasure.

6.55 News

7.00 Music for Organ. Jane Watts plays Franck, Prelude, Fugue and Variation, Op 18; Karg-Elert, Passacaglia, Variations and Fugue on B.A.C.H., Op 150.

7.35 Hansel and Gretel. Opera by Humperdinck with Barbara Bonney and Daphne Evangelatos. Interval reading at 8.35.

9.25 Music at Finchcocks. Part songs by Haydn, Beethoven and Carl Friedrich Zelter, piano pieces by J. B. Cramer (Chiaroscuro under Nigel Rogers, tenor; Richard Burnett, piano).

10.05 Jazz Today. Paul Nieman, Steve Lodder.

11.00 First Night. David Nokes reviews The Emperor at London's Royal Court Theatre.

11.05 Schumann Chamber Music. Fairy Tales, Op 132 (Harold Wright, clarinet, Boris Kroyt, viola, Murray Perahia, piano); Piano Trio No 1, in D minor (Jacques Thibaud, violin, Pablo Casals, cello, Alfred Cortot, piano).

11.57 News.

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day

8.35 The Week on 4

8.43 Ian Skidmore goes on an adventure through the archives. **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Start the Week, with Richard Baker (s)

9.55 Alan Titchmarsh talks about gardens open to the public raising funds for those who are under stress through caring for the sick and elderly.

10.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with listeners' questions about personal finance.

10.30 Morning Story: Requiem for Eddie, by John Pilkington. Read by Crawford Logan.

10.45 Daily Service, from St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol, with the choir of St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School (s)

11.00 News; Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Highbury Stadium, home of Arsenal Football Club.

11.48 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests, presented by Alan Brownjohn.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with Susan Rae. Includes the results of a national poll about whether lower taxes would win votes.

12.27 Prompt! A quiz game about the theatre chaired by Sheila Hancock, with Penelope Wilton and Joss Ackland v Denise Coffey and Ian Charleson (s) **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. Jenny Cuffe talks to some women who have won sex discrimination and equal pay cases.

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Alphabetical Order, by Michael Frayn. Repeat from Saturday (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope. The Rhythm Method — an examination of the Kodaly method, an educational system developed by Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodaly, whose ideas have had a surprising impact on musical life here.

5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather

6.00 The Six O'clock News; Weather

6.30 The News Quiz (s)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Inside Job. An intimate view of working life in Lancashire. Phil Smith talks to the Tarmackers.

7.45 Science Now. Peter Evans with the latest news from the world's leading laboratories.

8.15 The Monday Play: Condemning Violence, by Robin Glendinning (s)

9.30 More Wrestling than Dancing. David Moreau tries to come to grips with life.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes Tim Finley's new book Famous Last Words, Andrew Rissik's film The Fourth Protocol, Crown and Camera at the Queen's Gallery and Swan Lake at the Royal Opera Huuse, Covent Garden.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Love Lies Bleeding, by Edmond Crispin (6) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** The Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move (s) **11.40** The Music Box (s) **11.50** See For Yourself **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime (s) **2.20** Science Scope (s) **2.40** Pictures in Your Mind **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University. **11.30** 18th Century Political Prints **11.50** The Nature of Wuthering Heights **12.10am** Musical Interlude **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Consumer Education: Value for Money (s) **12.30** 1: Buying Things **12.50** 2: Leisure and Pleasure

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Quality gets the better of crudity as Spurs advance

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Wimbledon 0
Tottenham Hotspur 2

The "Big Five", as the handful of wealthy English clubs are known, are expected to collect all the season's domestic honours again. Liverpool should complete another double by winning the League and the Littlewoods Cup and Tottenham Hotspur are now the clear favourites to lift the FA Cup for a record eighth time.

Some may argue that the balance of power is weighed so heavily in their favour, that the destiny of the three trophies is too predictable and that the flame of hope for the rest is slowly but inexorably being extinguished. Incontrovertible evidence is strewn across the last six years.

But viewers, such as those who watched the live coverage of yesterday's sixth round tie at Plough Lane, cannot complain about the standard of quality shown by the elite. Tottenham provided almost every single touch of class, finesse and subtlety enclosed within an otherwise unattractive and at times ugly afternoon.

Wimbledon, assembled like rows of coiled barbed wire, are physically intimidating. Tottenham had painful memories of their methods. In the League fixture at White Hart Lane earlier in the season, Roberts was carried off with what he thought was a broken leg and Stevens fractured a shoulder.

Tottenham's limbs were again in danger of being either disconnected, shattered or at best badly bruised. Wimbledon opened with their usual array of assaults (Hodges on Hoddle and Ardiles for instance, and Wise and Sanchez on Hodge). The referee, inexcusably, took no action then nor later when Hodge was tripped by Beasant.

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The incident, almost the only one of note to colour the first half, followed a swift exchange between Paul Allen and Hodge. Hodge accelerated into the area, swerved away from Wimbledon's giant goalkeeper and found that his feet, instead of controlling the ball, had been taken away.

Clemence alone was responsible for restoring the sense of justice a few minutes before the interval. His save from Jones was even more remarkable, considering his preparations. On Thursday four of his teeth, loosened by a collision with Arsenal's Quinn, were extracted. On Friday night he was taken to hospital suffering with a haemorrage.

Parks, the reserve goalkeeper, was put on standby and David Pleat, Tottenham's manager, selected Clemence for special praise. "He was a particular hero," he said. The outstanding Gough was not far behind. He could scarcely use his injured right foot and both he and Stevens, troubled by a hamstring, had been considered doubtful.

Mabbutt, competing with the taller and abbrasive Fashanu in the air, was no less admirable either. And his central partnership with Gough was the foundation of their victory. The key to it was produced by Waddle and Hoddle with two flashes of inspiration within the closing half a dozen minutes.

Waddle, who had started the move himself inside the centre circle, accepted the return from Claesen and accelerated down the right flank. He bemused Winterburn with a series of feints before surprising Beasant with a shot that divided the gap between him and the near post.

Waddle was involved in the second as well. As he searched for a diagonal pass, he was the victim of another late and crude tackle by Thorn, who once more escaped punishment. From a distance of some 25 yards, Hoddle delightfully curled a free kick over the reach of Beasant.

"That was for Danny Thomas," he said in reference to the injured full back whose season was brought to an end last week. "I'm pleased that we did not succumb", Pleat added. "It is easy to cave in against them", as Everton and particularly Portsmouth found to their cost in earlier rounds of the competition.

Tottenham completed an unusual sequence in becoming the fourth of the visitors to reach the semi-final.

WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; K Gage, N Winterburn, V Jones, B Gayle, A Thorn, D Wise (sub, C Fairweather), A Sayer, J Fashanu, L Sanchez, G Hodges (sub, A Cork).

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens (sub, N Claesen), M Thomas, S Hodge, R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G Hoddle, O Ardiles (sub, N Ruddock).

Referee: N Midgley.

Wigan Cup hopes left in ruins

By Martin Searby

Wigan Athletic 0
Leeds United 2

Wigan's effort to become only the seventh third division club to win a place in the semi-finals of the FA Cup in its 115-year history foundered on a superior Leeds defence which gave them little opportunity to show the giant-killing skills which accounted for Norwich and Hull.

In contrast, their own back four gave the ball away twice in the second half to give Leeds chances which were ruthlessly exploited by Stiles, scoring his first goal of the season, and Adams, his second for the club.

With a ferocious wind at their backs in the first half, Campbell, the Northern Ireland international, battled manfully with the Ashurst, of Leeds, and Thompson and Griffiths had shots blocked by Day's legs at the other end.

In Sheridan, Leeds have the best performer on the field, and he posed no end of problems with good close control and skilfully weighted passes. After a 30-yard run, he brought a fine save from the goalkeeper who pushed his drive over the bar.

Wigan's liveliest performer was Lowe, the right-winger, and early in the second half he provided a good cross for Campbell whose header at the far post hit the woodwork

A Sheridan corner from the left forced Tunks to push the ball over the bar and the next one was only partially cleared by Cribley. Rennie teed the ball up and Stiles curled a right-foot shot beyond Tunks.

Leeds sealed the tie with their second goal. There was hesitancy when Adams, the Leeds full-back, held onto the ball to cut in from the left. As defenders fell back, he hit a right-foot shot past the goalkeeper to take Leeds into the semi-finals for the first time in 10 years.

WIGAN ATHLETIC: R Tunks, D Hamilton, B Knowles, M Hilditch, A Cribley, P Beesley, D Lowe, C Thompson, B Campbell, P Jewell (sub: J Butler), I Griffiths.

LEEDS UNITED: M Day, N Aspin, M Adams, J Stiles, J Ashurst, D Rennie, A Ritchie, J Sheridan, J Pearson, K Edwards, P Swan.

Referee: B Hill.

Briton lifts Congressional Cup

Eddie Warden-Owen, the former navigator aboard Britain's America's Cup challenger, White Crusader, won the Congressional Cup at Longbeach, California on Saturday to become only the second non-American to win this event in the 22-year history of this premier match race championship (Barry Pickthall writes).

Warden-Owen clinched the series at his first attempt after beating the Stars and Stripes navigator, Peter Isler, and the Olympic gold medal winner, Robbie Haines, on the final day.

● Neil Marsden and Keith Crebbin led a British clean sweep of the medals at the inaugural Commonwealth Regatta which finished in Bombay on Saturday. The two Enterprise sailors won the series, with a race to spare. Graham and Martin Ellis took the silver.

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You can't keep a good leg man down: Fashann (left) gets encoiled with Mabbutt (Photograph: Hugh Routledge).

West Tip team heading for split after row

By Alan Lee

Richard Dunwoody, who became a household name after riding West Tip to glory in last year's Grand National, was last night at the centre of an increasingly acrimonious dispute which now seems sure to result in the break-up of the partnership.

Trainers Michael Oliver and David Nicholson are at odds over Dunwoody's decision to ride Charter Party for his boss Nicholson, instead of Oliver's West Tip in the Tote Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday.

Oliver's angry response has been an accusation of "lack of loyalty" coupled with a categorical promise that whoever deputizes aboard West Tip this week will keep the prized ride for the Aintree spectacular on April 4.

West Tip, currently joint-favourite for a repeat win in the National, is now a certain runner in the Gold Cup on the expected good ground but Oliver refused to confirm riding arrangements. "This has all come as a shock to me," he said. "I have not heard from Richard since Thursday night when he told me he was unavailable for West Tip.

"I must say I was taken aback, because there is an agreement that Richard can ride my horse in all his races except the Hennessy Gold Cup. It seems this has been broken."

Nicholson insisted yesterday that he had put no pressure on Dunwoo regal partner Charter P Ger- seems I am being m women's Riverfront the villain here. so ly.

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Run And Sk ar's winner

Run And Skip, a le nship, with for Thursday's C ace at the evening. Gold Cup, is out of t her class close fourth behind I in the 1986 Gold C with the And Skip has not ration for season. A spokesman perfor- trainer, John Spearing s, but last night: "Run And some preparation has been h e for by the weather and he Witt nitely misses Cheltenham. of a

to put the record straight. It has been insinuated that I've leant on Richard, but that is not the case.

"In Richard's contract with me it says he is free to ride West Tip in all races, except the Hennessy if he wants to. The vital phrase is the last one because on this occasion he doesn't want to.

"This business is unfortunate, especially if it ends in Richard losing his National ride. But so far as I am concerned I have bent over backwards to help Michael Oliver."

Dunwoody, the man in the middle of the row, confirmed last night: "I told Michael Oliver on Thursday I would not be able to ride West Tip at Cheltenham. I had thought it would be understood that I had to ride for my guv'nor if he had a runner."

Jackson finishes with UK treble

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Colin Jackson finished the indoor athletics season as well as he started it, with a United Kingdom record. Pity about the in-between. Jackson, favourite for the European 60 metres hurdles title, finished second and was out of the medals in the world championships last week. He made amends yesterday with his third UK record of the season, 7.52 seconds, the fifth-fastest ever.

Jackson also defeated former world record holder, Mark McKoy of Canada and world champion, Tonie Campbell of the United States.

The times, if not the championship performances, auger well for Jackson's first senior season outdoors. World junior champion last summer, he was only 0.01sec outside Mark Holtom's UK 110 metres hurdles record of 13.43sec. And as good as the reduction of his indoor time from 7.78sec to 7.52sec is the fact that Jackson is crossing hurdles with McKoy and Campbell, regular sub-13.30sec performers. McKoy has little doubt about Jackson's potential. "He's young, fast and aggressive. He has a great future."

So might John Regis have at 400m if he could persuade himself to move up a distance. Regis impressed as much with his Commonwealth 300m best of 33.22sec in the Dairy Crest invitation yesterday as with his debut 400m of 45.47sec in the relay on Friday night at Cosford.

No such reservations from Steve Hurd about moving up from 400 to 800m. His 600m victory in 1min 17.12sec yesterday over Tony Morrell and American record holder Chip Jenkins, were proof enough that he can handle two laps when the time comes.

Yvonne Murray was happier to accommodate a two mile race yesterday, even though she runs the world cross country championships in Warsaw next weekend. She beat Krishna Wood, the woman who pipped her in the World Indoor Championships in Indianapolis last week and won the two mile in 9.36.85, a Commonwealth record.

Yesterday the Irish gave the British a lesson in middle distance indoor running. Frank O'Mara, the world indoor 3,000 metres champion beat John Gladwin in the 2,000m in 5.04.31 and Eamonn Coghlan won the two miles in 8.24.61.

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Sparkling Frost's fourth title

By Richard Eaton

Morten Frost, of Denmark, earned his fourth Yonex All-England title and the victory that European badminton badly needed when he overcame Icuk Sugiarto, the World Cup winner from Indonesia, 15-10, 15-0, in a match of contrasts in front of 5,000 people at Wembley yesterday.

The first game was a tremendous tussle, containing many rallies of more than 50 strokes and two of more than 90 strokes as the two strongest and fittest men in the sport grappled for a weakness. Having found it, Frost, the top seed and defending champion, saw his opponent disintegrate dramatically, winning only four rallies in a second game that lasted only 10 minutes.

An earlier victory for Kirsten Larsen in the women's competition meant that for the first time since 1965 two Europeans had taken All England singles titles; they were also the first pair of Danes to win since 1948.

Larsen, who on her 25th birthday on Saturday celebrated by beating the top seeded Li Lingwei of China, won the final against another Chinese player, Qian Ping, because at 8-7 in the first game her opponent twisted horribly as she fell in the backhand corner, and was left holding an injured knee and waving for help.

She was carried from the arena and left the stadium on crutches.

For the second successive year there were no British finalists, which is worrying. However, there was comfort from Steve Baddeley's performance in becoming the first home semi-finalist in the men's singles in 48 years and a defeat with honour by 15-13, 15-7 to Sugiarto on Saturday.

The thoughts of England's other national champion, Helen Troke, still in plaster and on crutches after suffering a ruptured tendon can only be imagined. She sat and watched as the player she beat in last year's European final made her way into history.

RESULTS: Men's singles: Final: M Frost (Den) bt I Sugiarto (Indo), 15-10, 15-0. Women's singles: Final: K Larsen (Den) bt Qian Ping (China) 8-7, retired. Men's doubles: Final: Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi (china) bt B Ertanto and R Heryanto (Indo), 15-8, 15-6. Mixed doubles: Final: Lee Deuk Choon and Chung Myung Hee (S Korea) bt J-E Antonsson and C Magnusson (Swe), 15-5, 14-18, 15-8.

England delay selection of squad

Mike Weston, chairman of selectors, will issue a statement during the next 48 hours on England's rugby team to play Scotland on April 4. The 21-man squad will not be named until Wednesday week.

This can only mean that one or more players is *not going to be considered* following the punches in Cardiff a week ago. The selectors need to know who they can pick before they settle down to choosing the squad.

Wade Dooley looks the likeliest candidate to be handed what would be a unique public suspension from the international team as a result of conduct in the England shirt.

The Blackpool policeman broke the cheekbone and nose of Welsh forward Phil Davies and he has borne the *overwhelming share of England's guilt* just as England took the entire blame for the unpleasant match.

● Matt Duncan, having proved his fitness, will take his place on the Scotland wing to face Wales next weekend (Ian McLauchlan writes). There are two changes on the replacement bench with Roger Baird returning to fill the A N Other spot and Kenny Milne, the youngest brother of Ian, coming in to replace the injured hooker, *Gary Callander who has a knee injury.*

The inclusion of Baird leaves Scotland short of cover for stand-off John Rutherford, although both Baird and Robertson have limited experience there.

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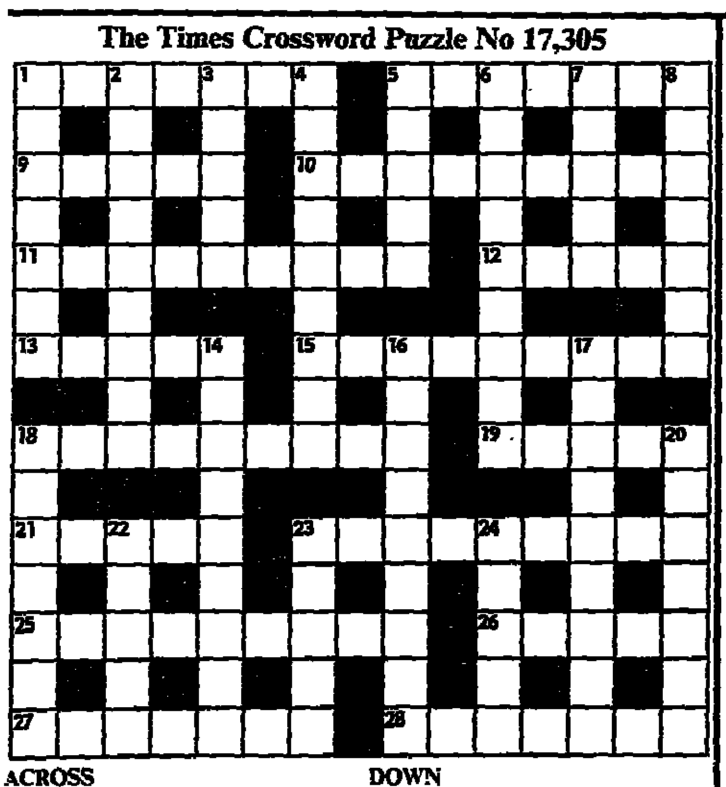

ACROSS

1 Have police force attached to ship (7).
5 Digging can be tiring (7).
9 Point made by a well-known statesman (5).
10 People engaged in a welcome correspondence (9).
11 Retreat on being put in command (9).
12 Vote in new rate for more than is necessary (5).
13 Rent a Dalmatian holiday place (5).
15 Left unrestrained (9).
18 Takes food into seamen, so causing delay (9).
19 The vagrant goes right on (5).
21 Excellent supporter — opposed to none (5).
23 Guides posted by the way (4,5).
25 Many Italians can translate Spanish (9).
26 Consign underground in very plain terms! (5).
27 Figure the top man is wearing a label (7).
28 Merit of the French — ever fashionable (7).

DOWN

1 Step around a chap turning over hats (7).
2 He'll slaughter the unknown outside left! (9).
3 The so-eccentric character (5).
4 Jaded fellow putting an end to the game (9).
5 Second has to ask for the use of an aerosol (5).
6 One who claims there's little money about on offer (9).
7 Setting a writer up in it is quite pointless (5).
8 Gained ground in the Baltic (7).
14 This suits the men! (9).
16 The sailor coloured and wouldn't have a drink (9).
17 It's wrong to rag Ivan the pilot (9).
18 "_____ divine, rare, superexcellent _____" (Burton) (7).
20 Book store (7).
22 Because firm, gets possession (5).
23 Sovereignty's downfall, it is said (5).
24 The nationality of the Robinsons (5).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,304 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

General situation: Frontal troughs will move slowly east into the British Isles. It will be dry in most districts at first, apart from a few showers in the north-east. Some sunshine is likely in the east. Cloud will slowly increase from the west during the day, with rain spreading to most western and central regions. Temperatures will be near or rather below the seasonal normal. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday : Rain, followed by brighter, showery weather, with some snow in the north. Becoming windy.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	12	54	Madrid	s	11	52
Akrotiri	f	14	57	Majorca	s	13	55
Alex'dria	f	15	59	Malaga	f	18	51
Algiers	f	14	57	Malta	f	13	55
Amst'dm	r	4	39	Melb'rne	s	19	66
Athens	c	6	43	Mexico C*	f	21	70
Bahrain				Miami*	c	22	72
Barbados*	f	29	84	Milan	s	6	43
Barcelna	s	13	55	Montreal*	s	0	32
Beirut				Moscow	s	1	34
Belgrade	f	0	32	Munich	s	3	37
Berlin	s	3	37	Nairobi	f	29	84
Bermuda*	r	14	57	Naples	s	9	48
Biarritz				N Delhi	s	27	81
Borde'x	s	8	46	N York*	s	6	43
Brussels	c	2	36	Nice	c	11	52
Budapst	s	3	37	Oslo	sn	-2	28
B Aires*	s	28	82	Paris	s	6	43
Cairo	f	17	63	Peking	s	9	48
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Perth	f	23	73
C'blanca	f	21	70	Prague	s	1	34
Chicago*	r	3	37	Reykjvik	c	0	32
Ch'church	s	17	63	Rhodes	s	10	50
Cologne	c	3	37	Rio de J	f	26	79
C'phagn	c	-1	30	Riyadh	s	25	77
Corfu	c	8	46	Rome	s	10	50
Dublin	f	8	46	Salzburg	s	4	39
Dubrovnik	sl	6	43	S F'risco*	r	12	54
Faro	c	16	61	Santiago*	s	29	84
Florence	s	8	46	S Paulo*	c	23	73
Frankfurt	s	5	41	Seoul	s	6	43
Funchal	f	19	66	Sing'por			
Geneva	s	5	41	St'kholm	s	-3	27
Gibraltar	c	15	59	Strasb'rg	s	5	41
Helsinki	c	-3	27	Sydney	s	23	73
Hong K	c	22	72	Tangier	c	15	59
Innsbrck	s	4	39	Tel aviv	c	14	57
Istanbul	f	1	34	Tenerife	s	22	72
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tokyo	c	11	52
Jo'burg*				Toronto*	f	2	36
Karachi	d	26	79	Tunis	c	13	55
L Palmas	s	22	72	Valencia	c	13	55
Le Tquet				Vanc'ver*	f	9	48
Lisbon	s	16	61	Venice	s	5	41
Locarno	s	6	43	Vienna	s	0	32
L Angels*	c	16	61	Warsaw	s	2	36
Luxembg	s	3	37	Wash'ton*	s	8	46
				Wel'nton	c	15	59
				Zurich	f	2	35

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	•				
Bridlington	5.4	-	6	43	sunny
Cromer	6.7	-	5	41	sunny
Lowestoft	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Clacton	5.8	-	5	41	sunny
Southend	6.6	-	5	41	sunny
Margate	•	-	5	41	sunny
Folkestone	6.6	-	6	43	sunny
Hastings	6.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eastbourne	6.3	-	5	41	sunny
Brighton	6.5	-	6	43	sunny
Worthing	6.4	-	5	41	bright
Littlehmptn	5.9	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	6.8	-	5	41	sunny
Southsea	6.2	-	5	41	sunny
Sandown	6.1	-	5	41	sunny
Shanklin	•				
Bournemth	7.6	-	7	45	sunny
Poole	7.6	-	8	46	sunny
Swanage	7.4	-	6	43	sunny
Weymouth	5.3	-	6	43	sunny
Exmouth	1.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.5	-	6	43	bright
Torquay	3.0	-	6	43	bright
Falmouth	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Penzance	1.2	-	8	46	bright
Scilly Isles	1.6	-	10	50	bright
Jersey	6.5	-	7	45	sunny
Guernsey	6.3	-	7	45	sunny
Newquay	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Ilfracombe	-	-	7	45	dull
Minehead	0.3	-	5	41	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	1.5	.03	5	41	snow
Morecambe	-	.02	4	39	snow
Douglas	0.5	.12	7	45	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	4.3	-	6	43	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	2.5	-	7	45	bright
Carlisle	0.7	.16	6	43	rain
London	7.7	-	9	48	sunny
Manchester	1.1	-	5	41	cloudy
N'cstl-n-Tyne	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Nottingham	6.1	-	7	45	sunny
Anglesey	-	.12	5	41	drizzle
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.8	-	6	43	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	•	.05	7	45	drizzle
Tenby	-	.04	7	45	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.1	.23	9	48	bright
Edinburgh	1.3	.10	8	46	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.19	3	37	sleet
Glasgow	3.0	.19	9	48	drizzle
Kinloss	2.4	.20	9	48	rain
Lerwick	3.9	.38	7	45	hail
Prestwick	2.2	.24	9	48	bright
Stornoway	1.2	.29	8	46	shower
Tiree	1.5	.28	8	46	hail
Wick	5.1	.27	9	48	shower
Belfast	2.3	.19	9	48	bright

These are Saturday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.20	7.0	2.43	7.2
Aberdeen	1.51	4.1	1.51	4.3
Avonmouth	7.44	13.0	8.05	13.0
Belfast	11.32	3.4	11.47	3.1
Cardiff	7.29	11.9	7.50	12.0
Devonport	6.20	5.5	6.43	5.4
Dover	11.26	6.4	11.47	6.5
Falmouth	5.50	5.3	6.13	5.2
Glasgow	1.33	4.2	1.18	4.8
Harwich	12.15	3.8	12.38	3.9
Holyhead	10.51	5.6	11.09	5.4
Hull	6.55	7.2	7.02	7.5
Ilfracombe	6.32	9.1	6.52	9.1
Leith	3.06	5.4	3.17	5.5
Liverpool	11.51	9.3	—	—
Lowestoft	10.21	2.2	10.12	2.5
Margate	12.21	4.6	12.50	4.6
Milford Haven	6.48	7.0	7.04	7.0
Newquay	5.36	7.0	5.54	7.0
Oban	6.13	4.1	6.44	4.0
Penzance	5.16	5.6	5.41	5.5
Portland	7.28	2.1	8.08	2.1
Portsmouth	11.55	4.5	—	—
Shoreham	11.45	6.1	—	—
Southampton	11.30	4.4	11.53	4.6
Swansea	6.53	9.4	7.12	9.4
Tees	4.12	5.2	4.16	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	12.07	4.1	12.29	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.42	2.30
Austria Sch	21.30	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.40	60.00
Canada $	2.16	2.06
Denmark Kr	11.43	10.83
Finland Mkk	7.58	7.08
France Fr	10.07	9.57
Germany Dm	3.04	2.88
Greece Dr	222	208
Hong Kong $	12.65	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.142	1.082
Italy Lira	2165	2045
Japan Yen	253	239
Netherlands Gld	3.425	3.245
Norway Kr	11.41	10.81
Portugal Esc	230	220
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.60
Spain Pta	211	201
Sweden Kr	10.60	10.05
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA $	1.65	1.57
Yugoslavia Dnr	1030	940

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Retail Price Index: 394.5

London: The *FT* Index closed up 5.9 at 1583.9.

New York: The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 8.68 at 2258.68.

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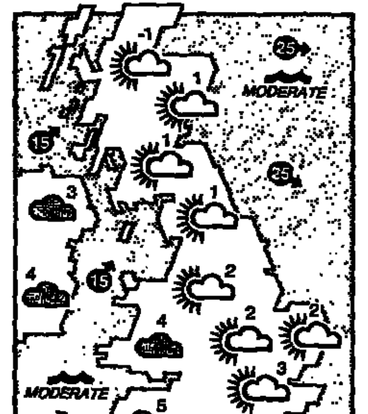

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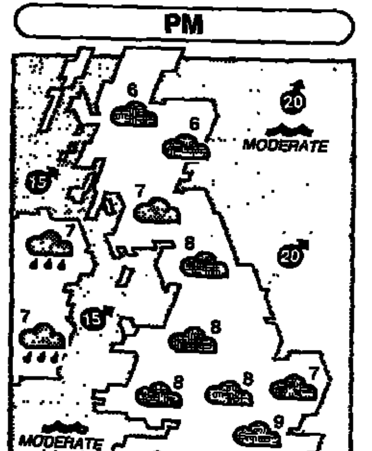

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 6.36 pm to 5.42 am
Bristol 6.46 pm to 5.51 am
Edinburgh 6.47 pm to 5.55 am
Manchester 6.44 pm to 5.50 am
Penzance 6.58 pm to 6.03 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	6	43	Guernsey	c	6	43
B'ngham	c	6	43	Inverness	f	4	39
Blackpool	f	6	43	Jersey	c	7	45
Bristol	f	8	46	London	c	8	46
Cardiff	c	7	45	M'nchstr	c	7	45
Edinburgh	f	8	46	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	f	8	46	R'nldsway	c	7	45

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.8hr.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.1hr.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021 millibars, falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -1C (30F). Humidity: 6 pm, 41 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.7hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1028.5 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Camgans (County Tyrone), 10C (50F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, 3C (39F); highest rainfall: Neist Point (Skye), 0.59in; highest sunshine: Norwich (Norfolk), 7.8 hr.

Sun rises: 6.14 am
Sun sets: 6.06 pm
Moon sets 6.37 am
Moon rises 7.27 pm

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NOON TODAY